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Dr. Richard Daines
New York State Department of Health
Office of Professional Medical Conduct
433 River Street, Suite 303
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Dear Dr. Daines:

Manhattan Community Board 4 has received comments from constituents regarding the Office of Professional Medical Conduct's (OPMC) investigation of Dr. Paul Bellman. It has been represented to us that private medical records of individual patients have been requested by the OPMC without written consent of those patients.

Although CB4 doesn't have any jurisdiction here, we are deeply concerned about the privacy rights of the constituents within community district 4 not to mention the others outside our district. We understand there is a need for the OPMC to protect the public, but it is hard to understand what actual protection is being pursued in this matter.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Jean-Daniel Noland
Chair
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[signed 3/14/09]

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