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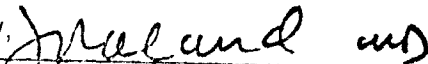
Dear Dr. Portnoy,

I write to you as a colleague to let you know about a program that has proven successful for many patients who suffer from tinnitus. As an Otolaryngologist, we know better than anyone how frustrating the issue of tinnitus can be. For too long we have been telling our patients with intractable tinnitus that the best course of treatment is to "learn to live with it". Now we can tell our patients that there is real help available.

The League for the Hard of Hearing established a Tinnitus Center seven years ago and has been providing tinnitus retraining therapy (TRT), a method utilizing a combination of directive counseling and sound therapy, based on Dr. Pawel Jasterboff's work. The League's program is coordinated by Susan Adams, an audiologist with over 25 years of experience who has tracked an 80% success rate for patients with severe tinnitus and hyperacusis. I have referred many patients who have benefited tremendously from the League's program.

Enclosed is a copy of the League's tinnitus brochure. If you are not already familiar with the League and its services, you can feel confident in referring to the League, a not-for-profit institution in New York since 1910 providing services to people who are hard-of-hearing and deaf. Patients requesting information about tinnitus can be directed to the League's Audiology department at 917-305-7751 or to tinnitus@lhh.org. For a supply of tinnitus brochures for your office, feel free to contact the League through this number or email address.

I have been associated with the League for over 13 years and have found the services to be caring, top notch and successful. I am sure your patients will benefit from the League's excellent clinical and professional staff.

Sincerely, 

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