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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Millennium: the Takeda Oncology Company, I respectfully request that the NCCN Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma Panel review the attached application which is summarized below. The application consists of a word document summarizing data supporting the requested indication along with the relevant references.

#### Bortezomib in Marginal Zone Lymphoma (MZL)

- The data demonstrate the efficacy of bortezomib in MZL.
- The purpose of this submission is to request that bortezomib be listed as a treatment option for newly diagnosed and relapsed MZL with a Category 2A recommendation. As there are no recommended treatment regimens specific for MZL, this request is for the addition of a footnote to the recommendations on the MZL pages noting bortezomib as a treatment option.
- MZL is not part of the FDA approved label for bortezomib; bortezomib is approved for multiple myeloma and for mantle cell lymphoma after at least 1 prior therapy.

The following references are being submitted in support of this proposed change. We would like to acknowledge the contributions of NCCN panel members who are also co-authors or co-contributors of some of these publications.

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We are looking forward to your decision. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any additional information or if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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