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I hereby request the New Jersey Department of Health Newborn Screening Laboratory to destroy the residual dried blood spot specimen from my child's newborn screening request form.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: Male / Female  
(circle one)

Birth Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth City: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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I understand that there are numerous benefits to public health in retaining residual NBS samples. Residual NBS samples are the only available opportunity for a complete population study to be conducted since there is a sample received on virtually every baby born. In addition to this, the NBS sample is sometimes the only remaining evidence available to the family from their child if their child becomes missing. The main benefits to NBS sample storage are:

- Quality assurance and improvement for the NBS laboratory.
- Research for new technologies and for detecting new disorders.
- Research for new treatments and cures for major childhood diseases.
- Population incidence research on disorders and environmental contaminant exposures.
- Parents can recall the specimens to help determine the cause of an unexplained death of their child (SIDS).
- Parents can recall the specimens to aid law enforcement in identifying their missing child.

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Parent / Legal Guardian (print)  
Date

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Parent / Legal Guardian (signature)

All release requests will be handled in accordance with Department policies