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ATTN: Nominating Committee
EBAA Board of Directors
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Dear Nominating Committee:

Please accept this letter as a sincere expression of my support for Kevin Ross as a candidate for Chair-Elect of the EBAA Board of Directors. I have had the pleasure of knowing Kevin as a close colleague and friend for over ten years as a fellow member of Vision Share, as a neighboring organization, and as a colleague who has actively served for many years in the EBAA.

As leaders of our respective eye banks, we have consistently developed our relationship around collaboration. There are many projects, too numerous to count, for which we have come together as neighboring organizations and partnered not only for our own mutual benefit, but for the benefit of the greater eye banking profession. Many of these projects have focused on harmonizing operational processes and procedures based on industry best practices, contributing to the advancement of the science of corneal transplantation, improving outcomes for patients and surgeons, and protecting the integrity of the eye banking profession by grounding our work in responsible stewardship.

Trust is the foundation on which my relationship with Kevin exists. One of Kevin's most admirable traits is his passion for the difference we make as eye bankers in the lives of others across the globe. That is his driving motivation for the excellent work Eversight does, and for his tireless effort to create unity within the profession of eye banking based on our common values of quality, collaboration, innovation, advocacy and service. I trust that, as Chair-Elect, Kevin will lead the EBAA well and use his influence to expand the greater good.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Bavuso".

Tony Bavuso
Chief Executive Officer

We change lives by saving sight.