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Eye Bank Association of America  
Board of Directors Nominating Committee

**RE: Brian Philippy, CEBT**

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to support Brian Philippy as he seeks at-large membership on the EBAA Board of Directors. I have had the pleasure of working with Brian through several subcommittees of the EBAA medical Advisory Board, including the Subcommittee on Fungal Infection Following Transplantation and the Policy and Position Review Subcommittee. Brian's greatest contribution to these committees has been his level of engagement, actively providing an insider's perspective to issues confronting eye bankers and surgeons alike from the perspective of someone involved in eye banking for more than 20 years. I admire Brian's evidence-based approach to the issues addressed by these committees, and although we have not always agreed on the interpretation of the evidence, I have immense respect for him and know that his opinions are always well-formed.

Brian has a decades-long history of service to the EBAA, having served on numerous committees and subcommittees. He is the person that many of us turn to with a question regarding eye banking as we know that we will receive a thoughtful, informed response. His knowledge and experience will be critically important to the EBAA Board of Directors as it confronts numerous issues in the near future, including the debate regarding for-profit eyebanking, the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on eyebanking both domestically and internationally, and the ever expanding role of the eye banks in tissue and cell-based product preparation for transplantation. For these reasons, I strongly support Brian's appointment as an at-large member on the EBAA Board of Directors.

Sincerely,



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