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Kevin P. Corcoran, CAE
President and CEO
Eye Bank Association of America

Dear Mr. Corcoran,

I'm writing in support of James T. Quirk III, BS, CEBT's candidacy for the Eye Bank Association of America's Chair Elect. I have known Jim for almost three decades, since his early years at the Medical Eye Bank of Delaware. He joined the Lions Eye Bank of Delaware Valley (LEBDV) as Serology Laboratory Supervisor/Quality Assurance Director in 1996. Jim has since served as Executive Vice President of the LEBDV, and, for the past decade, President and CEO of our organization.

Over the past decade and a half, with the help of a strong technical staff, Jim has shepherded LEBDV through a critical transformation, as the field of corneal transplantation has moved forward at a very fast pace. LEBDV has been a regional leader in the preparation and distribution of tissue for lamellar transplantation. First with DSAEK and now with pre-stripped, pre-stained, pre-punched, pre-marked, pre-loaded, and, for surgeons who request it, pre-treated, DMEK tissue, LEBDV provides the Gift of Sight to about 1,000 recipients living in darkness in the tri-state area. Jim has overseen our eye bank's facility expansion and renovation to meet the rising demands of our cutting-edge surgeons: laminar flow hood, new microscope, and microkeratomes, together with extensive training of our technical staff.

Jim showed inimitable leadership during the COVID-19 crisis in continuing to meet the needs of our surgeons and patients, all along upholding the highest safety standards set by EBAA.

At the national level, Jim has served the Eye Bank Association of America in several capacities, most notably chairing the Accreditation Committee and serving on the Medical Advisory Board. Jim is a great communicator, and, if chosen for this prestigious position, he will passionately advocate for member eye banks and corneal transplant recipients alike.

Mr. Corcoran, Jim Quirk has strong moral fiber and ethics beyond reproach. I enthusiastically and without reservation support his nomination for EBAA Chair Elect and am happy to answer any questions regarding his candidacy for this position.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sadeer B. Hannush, MD". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the last name "Hannush" being the most prominent part.

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