

Date: March 10, 2025

Re: Letter of Support for EBAA Board Service - Vicki Adler

To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept this letter of support for Vicki Adler to serve on the EBAA Board of Directors. Vicki has been active with the EBAA since the turn of the century providing a strong voice for independent, non-profit, community eye banking. Her representation has been resolute and thoughtful throughout her tenure. As we enter a period of uncertainty with the winds of changing blowing in all directions, her leadership will provide a measure of protection from the storm.

Vicki's kindness has proven itself a strength. Combining the regions of Rochester, NY and Albany, NY into one centralized Lions Eye Bank of the Northeast and introducing processing in the "mature" era of EK have provided unique perspective that is fresh and current. Vicki's voice during the collaborative era of eye banking was a key component to the success of that era and continues to be a voice of reason and support for the community as a whole. Experience with New York law sets her apart from many other candidates, as she is no stranger to bureaucracy. In addition to her professional donation work, her personal experiences with donation make her an excellent candidate. This is a rarity among our community.

It is my sincere hope that through this process of Board elections that more eye bankers are exposed to the skill and compassion that Vicki brings to the talent pool. Thank you for considering my support for Vicki Adler to serve on the Board of Directors. She will serve the membership well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Philippy', with a large, dark scribble underneath.

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