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Dear Members of the EBAA House of Delegates,

I am pleased to offer my strong endorsement of Chris Hanna for the position of Chair of the Eye Bank Association of America.

Chris has been a respected leader in the eye banking community for many years and currently serves as Executive Director of the Utah Lions Eye Bank. Throughout his career, he has demonstrated a deep commitment to our professional association, having served on the EBAA Board on multiple occasions and contributing to the organization through numerous committee roles. I have had the privilege of knowing Chris for many years and also had the opportunity to serve alongside him on the EBAA Board several years ago. Through that experience, I have seen firsthand the thoughtful leadership, sound judgment, and steady professionalism he brings to every discussion and decision.

Chris approaches leadership with a measured and strategic mindset and has an exceptional ability to consider the long-term direction of both our association and the eye banking profession as a whole. At the same time, he values collaboration and thoughtful dialogue, bringing people together and helping colleagues work through differing perspectives. In a profession where differing viewpoints and priorities can sometimes create challenges, he has a rare ability to rise above the politics and focus on what ultimately serves our patients, our member banks, and the future of eye banking. His authenticity and integrity make him someone colleagues trust and respect, while his approachable nature and steady demeanor make him someone people feel comfortable engaging with. These are invaluable qualities for the Chair of an organization as collaborative and member-driven as EBAA.

For these reasons, I confidently and enthusiastically endorse Chris Hanna for Chair of the Eye Bank Association of America. I am certain he will bring strong leadership, sound perspective, and a collaborative spirit to the role, and I look forward to seeing the positive impact he will have on our association.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director