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Dear Admission Committee Members,

I am contacting you on behalf of Jeff Datto in reference to his application for admission to medical school.

I first met Jeff at Thomas Jefferson University (TJU) after a seminar on NIH career opportunities for students, postdocs and faculty members. Jeff appeared to be a good candidate for the prestigious, NIH F30 fellowship for support of MD/PhD training. Jeff subsequently submitted a highly meritorious application and the fellowship was awarded by the National Institute on Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS). Jeff's research was of considerable interest and he demonstrated considerable promise as an MD/PhD student and an NIH fellowship recipient.

Based on reports, it is my understanding that during his medical school years he was mistreated and perhaps damaged during treatment at the TJU hospital. I also understand that his efforts to seek restitution were only partially successful.

Having interacted with Jeff many times throughout the years, I can attest that he is honest, sincere, intelligent, and likeable. I know he has been recovering from what could be considered malpractice or medical abuse for several years. Despite these hardships, he remains dedicated to a medical career and to public service.

Because of his extraordinary promise, resilience, and dedication, I can confidently recommend him for admission to your program. I know that any university would benefit from his attendance.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this recommendation.

Yours truly,

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