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RE: Letter of Recommendation for Jeffrey Peter Datto, AAMC ID [REDACTED]

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Dear Program Director,

It is my extreme pleasure to write a letter of recommendation in support of Jeffrey Datto's application to your anesthesiology residency program.

Jeffrey's achievements prior to our acquaintance are notable. Jeffrey performed his undergraduate studies at Johns Hopkins University achieving a GPA of 3.82/4.0. He found molecular and genetics research fascinating and challenging during experiences as an undergraduate and postgraduate. These combined with a strong interest in the clinical application of such research convinced Jeffrey to become a physician-scientist and seek admission to a combined MD/PhD program. He was accepted into the MD/PhD program at Jefferson Medical College. To his credit, he was awarded the Gibbon Scholarship which waived his medical school tuition. He was later awarded a prestigious NINDS/NIH F30 training grant in support of his doctoral thesis work which provided tuition payment as well as a stipend and travel allowance. His dedication to research during this time was documented by his serving as president of both the Gene Therapy Society and the Biotechnology Society at Jefferson Medical College.

I first met Jeffrey through his medical student rotation in clinical anesthesiology. When first joining the anesthesia team, he seemed somewhat reserved and tense. However, after getting to know the people on the team, these qualities melted away to reveal a quiet but warm individual. I came to know Jeffrey through his performance on this rotation as well as during informal discussions regarding spinal cord physiology and pharmacology. These topics are interests of my own and overlap with Jeffrey's thesis topic. I was impressed with his sharp and inquisitive mind. He demonstrated a good depth of anesthesiology knowledge, good technical facility, and noteworthy sensitivity and compassion towards surgical patients. He also showed great determination with technical procedures. Such determination has undoubtedly served him well with his scientific efforts to date and will continue to serve him in the future. He was indeed a pleasure to have on my team both in and out of the operating rooms. Jeffrey stated that he enjoyed anesthesiology which agreed with my perceptions. Jeffrey has decided to pursue a career in academic anesthesiology so that he may combine scientific investigation with fulfilling clinical practice. I think that Jeffrey has made a correct decision.

I believe that Jeffrey is truly an outstanding candidate for an anesthesiology residency program and that he will make significant scientific contributions to the field. I highly recommend Jeffrey for your program and I do so without reservation. However, I must say that it is my greatest hope that we will be able to successfully recruit him to Thomas Jefferson University.

On a personal level, I find Jeffrey personable and I am unaware of any issues of drug dependence.

Jeffrey has waived his right to read this recommendation.

Regards,

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