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Heart Failure Society of America  
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Re: Dr. Tushar Shah Application for Fellowship

To whom it may concern,

It is my honor to write this letter of recommendation for Dr. Tushar Shah to be appointed as a Fellow of the Heart Failure Society of America. I have known Tushar in my roles as the former (Sydney Kimmel Medical College / Christiana Care Health System) and current (Medical College of Wisconsin) Program Director of the Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Fellowship Programs. I have maintained an active collegial relationship with Tushar and have been eager to find opportunities to collaborate with him over the past 6+ years of our relationship.

For review, Dr. Shah received his undergraduate degree in biochemistry from the University of Pennsylvania and his medical degree from the University of North Carolina. He completed residency in internal medicine at Duke University and cardiology fellowship at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas. He subsequently completed a fellowship in advanced imaging at St. Vincent Heart Center in Indianapolis and an advanced heart failure and transplant cardiology fellowship at the University of Kentucky. Tushar has had a varied cardiovascular career and came to dedicate his professional energy in the field of Heart Failure.

He has held heart failure specific roles at Indiana University Health from November 2016 – March 2018, at Geisinger Medical Center from March 2018 – August 2018 and most recently at the University of Louisville from November 2019 through September 2020 where he served as the Medical Director of Advanced Heart Failure, Mechanical Circulatory Support, and Cardiac Transplantation and Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Louisville.

In this leadership role, Tushar worked in a dynamic group and navigated complex advanced heart failure issues to move the program forward. In my interactions with him, he has demonstrated great leadership skills that leverage his robust fund of knowledge in our field to manage advanced heart failure patients and to educate trainees and staff.

It my opinion that Tushar embodies and represents the ideals of a dedicated heart failure specialist and has served his community in a manner that is coincident with the other fellows of the HFSA. I wholeheartedly recommend Dr. Tushar Shah to be recognized as Fellow of The Heart Failure Society of America.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mitchell T. Saltzberg MD". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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