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The State University of New York at Potsdam
44 Pierrepont Avenue.
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To Whom It May Concern,

It is my great pleasure to write in support of Dr. Supraja Gurajala's reappointment to assistant professor at SUNY Potsdam.

I first met Dr. Gurajala through her involvement on a stakeholder advisory board I formed with Rheumatologist Dr. Eyal Kedar in support of a grant application currently in consideration at the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI). The stakeholder board consists of multiple locally and nationally located physicians, a media representative, patients and community members. Its main goal is to design (and if funded, conduct) a patient-centered research study that would produce results that are informative and impactful not only to healthcare providers, but to patients as well. Dr. Gurajala is a particularly valuable member of this board because she brings lived experience as a patient, community member, and professional. She is consistently responsive to requests for input and brings up thought-provoking questions and comments during our discussions.

I was so impressed with Dr. Gurajala's level of engagement and participation on this board, that I invited her to join on a similar board for an ongoing patient-centered research education project the research department is engaged in. Again, Dr. Gurajala has made a meaningful impact on this group and on the project as a whole. Our resulting community-facing educational series has benefitted from her input and guidance.

Although I cannot personally speak to who Dr. Gurajala is in the classroom, I can speak to who she is as a person and professional. In my experience, Dr. Gurajala is an intelligent and passionate individual who brings enthusiasm to everything she does. She is skilled in providing encouragement, constructive criticism, and thoughtful suggestions, all of which translate quite well to being an effective professor.

It is without reservation that I recommend Dr. Supraja Gurajala for reappointment. Having her continue as part of your team will benefit Dr. Gurajala's students, colleagues and collaborators. If you have any questions regarding this letter or if you would like me to expand upon any of my experience with Dr. Gurajala, please reach out to me at clovelett@cphospital.org.

Sincerely,



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