## Expert Opinion Letter (Confidential)

Analysis of Positional Requirements for National Interest Waiver

**Evaluator:** Haifei Shi

**Evaluator Info:** Professor, Department of Biology, Miami University

**AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

Neuroscience

Endocrinology

Physiology

**EMPLOYMENT**

Professor (2022-present): Department of Biology, Miami University

Associate Professor (2015-2022): Department of Biology, Miami University

Assistant Professor (2009-2015): Department of Biology, Miami University

Postdoctoral Fellow (2004-2009): Department of Endocrinology, Metabolic Disease Research Center, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine

Resident Physician Intern (1996-1997): Department of Internal Medicine, People Hospital; Department of Neurology, People Hospital; Department of Psychiatry, Institute of Mental Health. Beijing, China

**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Neurobiology & Behavioral Neuroscience (2004) Department of Biology, Georgia State University.

M.D. Clinical medicine (1997) School of Clinical Medicine, Beijing Medical University, China (Currently known as: Peking University Health Science Center)

Dear USCIS:

I write this letter on behalf of Abigail Araba Addy in support of her application for a National Interest Waiver to advance her proposed endeavor in the healthcare sector. I strongly support her plans to provide her professional services, and it is in the best interest of the United States to waive the job offer and labor certification.

To briefly introduce myself, I am currently a tenured Professor at Miami University Ohio and have been since 2009. With regard to my academic background, I received my MD from Beijing Medical University China in 1997, PhD in Neuroscience from Georgia State University in 2004, and postdoctoral fellowship in Endocrinology at the University of Cincinnati-College of Medicine.

I currently teach formal Human Physiology and Endocrinology courses at graduate and undergraduate levels at Miami University, advise graduate and undergraduate students, and mentor students in my research laboratory. I have been receiving research grants from the National Institutes of Health and the American Heart Association and have published over 40 peer-reviewed research papers, reviews, and book chapters related to neuroscience and endocrine research in scientific journals and books. I have served as a guest editor for the International Journal of Endocrinology and Physiology & Behavior; a reviewer for many academic journals as well as federal and private grant agencies; a referee reviewing abstracts, posters, and travel awards for a few professional societies; an organizer of various conference symposia; and an officer for Ohio Miami Valley chapter for the Society of Neuroscience from 2015 to 2018 and was the president-elect for the chapter in 2018. Additionally, I have also served on committees to develop courses, and evaluated applications and candidates for faculty search and graduate student recruitment at Miami University.

As an evaluator, I am responsible for reviewing academic and experiential qualifications to form part of a candidate’s credential evaluation report, providing a detailed analysis of the academic background and occupational experience that a person has received outside the United States.

Through the aforementioned academic and professional experiences, I have developed an expert knowledge on how to analyze, evaluate, and characterize job duties, responsibilities, qualifications, and expertise. Sincerely,



Dr. Haifei Shi

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