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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in strong support of Dr. Vinod Kurup's application for a locum tenens position with VISTA Staffing Solutions.

I have known Dr. Kurup since July, 1996, when he started his residency in internal medicine at the New England Medical Center. I have worked with him on a number of rotations, particularly when I was attending in the Medical Intensive Care Unit (MICU) and, therefore, I feel very confident in judging his clinical skills.

As you can see from his curriculum vitae, Dr. Kurup graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from University of Wisconsin-Madison and then obtained his M.D. degree from the University of Wisconsin Medical School in June of 1996, earning numerous honors and awards.

Over the past three years, I have been very impressed with Vinod's fund of knowledge, his bedside manners, and overall clinical performance. While in the MICU, Vinod always delivered his care with confidence and compassion. His thought process, differential diagnosis, therapeutic management, and procedural skills were all consistently excellent. His dealings with patients' family members and occasional ethical issues related to patient care revealed a mature, thorough, and compassionate physician. His interaction with medical students, peers, nursing staff, and attending physicians was always outstanding. It was indeed a pleasure and a privilege to work with Dr. Kurup.

In summary, I give Dr. Kurup my strongest recommendation. I have no doubt that he would be a great asset to you. Feel free to contact me should you need further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Paul Hassoun", followed by a horizontal line.

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