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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my unqualified support for the proposed promotion of Dr. Riccardo Pellegrino to the rank of Professor. We met when Dr. Pellegrino joined the Pulmonary Critical Care Medicine Section as a scientist working with my mentor Dr. Joe Rodarte, a renowned world authority in respiratory system mechanics. I am well-acquainted with Dr. Pellegrino's accomplishments which are briefly outlined below:

Dr. Pellegrino is an internationally-recognized authority in physiology and mechanics of the respiratory system. His groundbreaking research has emphasized the effects of the deep breath on lung mechanics and airway responsiveness in asthma and COPD. His research contributed significantly to the understanding of clinical relevance of heterogeneous airflow obstruction and respiratory resistance variability in bronchial asthma. Other contributions of Dr. Pellegrino's research include understanding of the effects of pharmacological treatments of airflow obstruction on lung functions.

Dr. Pellegrino has authored a total of 68 publications and 4 book chapters. His research reports have been published in the most prominent journals in the field of respiratory mechanics including *Journal of Applied Physiology*, *American Journal of Physiology*, *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine*, and *Thorax*. As a result, Dr. Pellegrino is in great demand as a speaker. He has given over 170 invited seminars, lectures, and talks as visiting professor. Dr. Pellegrino had an active leadership role within the ATS/ERS committee on lung function tests. His name appears as first author in the document entitled: "Interpretative Strategies".

Further evidence of Dr. Pellegrino's distinguished reputation is his record of service to national and international organizations. He currently serves on the editorial board of the *Journal of Applied Physiology*. In addition, he has been guest reviewer for a long list of biomedical journals that include *Journal of Applied Physiology*, *American Journal of Physiology*, *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine*, and *Thorax*.

As an individual, Riccardo is a passionate and strong-willed scientist. He is imaginative in his research. He definitely has demonstrated a calming influence in tense situations and has sustained sincere and genuine concern for others. He is also a compassionate person. Riccardo is a person of integrity, high-principled, and most of all, honest. He is cheerful, friendly, and optimistic and has a sense of humor. He is effective, pleasant, a team worker who manages his time quite well. He has both the excellent character and commitment to continue his extremely successful career as a researcher and a physician.

In summary, Dr. Pellegrino has outstanding credentials in research, education, and service. He is clearly qualified for the rank of full Professor. I support his promotion without reservation.

Sincerely,



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