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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to provide my most enthusiastic and vigorous support for the promotion of Dr. Riccardo Pellegrino to Full Professor. I am pleased to have this opportunity to recommend Dr. Pellegrino for Full Professor, because I have known him well for approximately 20 years. During this time, I have enjoyed many different scientific interactions with Dr. Pellegrino: these include scientific discussions with him on a one-to-one basis concerning physiological methodology and its limitations, listening to (and learning from) several of his many invited lectures which are always well-prepared, clear, and very strong educational experiences, and collaborating with him in developing new physiological methods.

During our collaborative work over the past two years, I can attest to the impeccable and meticulously intense intellectual critical attention Dr. Pellegrino pays to framing the appropriate research question, consideration of possible artifacts from both human respiratory behavior and from equipment (methodological) limitations, and finally careful implementation of planned physiological studies. After an intensive discussion, we arrived at a new physiological approach which Dr. Pellegrino implemented in his laboratory before I arrived. We then discussed his initial results at length at the American Thoracic Society meeting. It was clearly evident in our discussion of his initial results how carefully Dr. Pellegrino had done these investigations; and the results were commensurate with this extraordinary care.

The careful research approach of Dr. Pellegrino that I have observed personally is also evident in his many publications, all of which are in internationally well known, and "first class" medical journals. His CV attests to this impeccable publication record.

Dr. Pellegrino's CV also attests to the wide variety of educational efforts he has succeeded in providing to the international respiratory community. It is also evident that Dr. Pellegrino's expertise and educational productivity is not limited to one narrow facet of respiratory physiology or pathophysiology: instead, Dr. Pellegrino has published and researched a wide variety of important physiological topics. These include a broad base of clinical and pathophysiological information concerning symptoms, pulmonary function abnormalities, and exercise limitations in patients with COPD, as well as vigorous physiological evaluations of asthmatic patients concerning their symptoms, lung

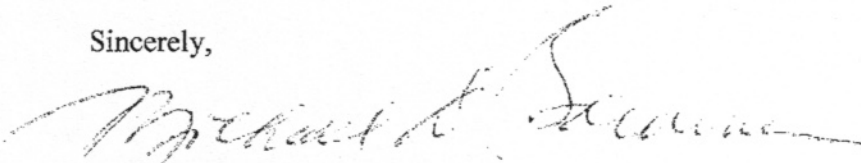
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function, exacerbation history, and details of responses to bronchoprovocation and therapeutic challenge.

Finally, Dr. Pellegrino's CV also manifests a unique ability to adapt to and make excellent use of available technological advances beyond the usual conventional pulmonary functional assessments by body plethysmography and spirometry, including forced oscillation and optoelectronic plethysmography.

In summary, the world's great names in physiology include many prominent Italian academics such as Agostoni, Brusasco, and Fabbri (in alphabetical order). These individuals are not only outstanding Italian academics, but are internationally outstanding in addition. It is my considered opinion that Dr. Pellegrino is the intellectual, educational, and creative equal of these great men, fully deserving of Full Professor in Italy. Dr. Pellegrino not only brings credit to his university, but to all of Italy. I recommend him as Full Professor with not only my highest-enthusiasm, but with sincere appreciation for his contributions to the world of respiratory physiology and pathophysiology.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael D. Goldman".

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