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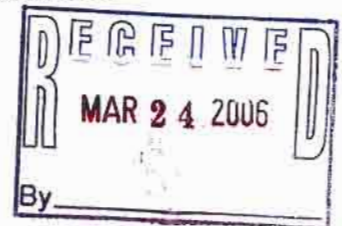
Mr. Risdon Slate
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Dear Mr. Slate:

I am writing on behalf of NAMI - NYS, as authorized by our Board of Directors, to nominate Anand Pandya, MD, of New York State, as a candidate for re-election to the NAMI Board of Directors.

I have personally known Anand as a member of the Board of Directors of NAMI - NYC - Metro and later as a Board Member of NAMI - NYS. In both capacities, he was an outstanding roll-up-your-sleeves leader, as I know he has proved to be in his first term as a Board member of National NAMI. His deep commitment to NAMI has been shaped in large part by his personal tragedy of losing relatives to suicide.

Anand Pandya is a respected psychiatrist in New York, a member of the Department of Psychiatry Cabinet at Bellevue Hospital Center and Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry, N.Y.U. School of Medicine. A graduate of Harvard College and the New York University School of Medicine, he was Chief resident in Psychiatry at Columbia University/New York State Psychiatric Institute and a fellow in psychiatry and law at New York University. He has established at an early age an enviable reputation as a knowledgeable clinician and socially conscious volunteer for worthy causes. He has received awards as an outstanding teacher, outstanding administrator and for medical activism.



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Dr. Pandya is a nationally recognized figure in Disaster Psychiatry, and has written and published a series of works in this field, including "Disaster Psychiatry: Intervening When Nightmares Come True", which received a Kenneth Johnson Memorial Library Book Award for 2005. He is co-founder of Disaster Psychiatry Outreach and gave assistance in hurricane Katrina, as well as the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and other scenes of national and international calamity, requiring psychiatric intervention and assistance. He has particularly emphasized at these terrible times the needs of individuals who have been seriously ill prior to the disaster, but are often overlooked despite their special trauma.

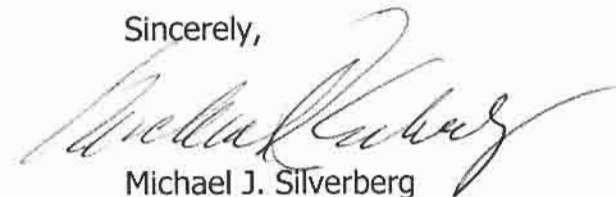
As a member of the National NAMI Board, Dr. Pandya has served as Secretary, Chair of Governance, Chair of Election, Chair of Dispute, member of the Executive Committee and of the Personnel and Development Committees and the NAMI Policy Research Institute Task Force on Serious Mental Illness Research. He was active in planning the NAMI national research gala last year, one of NAMI national's all-time most successful single fundraising events.

Although the foregoing is only a partial list of Anand Pandya's many achievements and awards, he wears his accomplishments lightly and with a good humor that attracts friendships and builds consensus. We are confident he will continue his record of achievement if re-elected to the NAMI Board.

NAMI – New York State is proud to nominate Dr. Anand Pandya for a second term on the NAMI Board of Directors.

With all good wishes to you and to NAMI.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Silverberg
President, NAMI - NYS