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To Whom It May Concern:

I have come to know Dr. Kishore over the past several years as a caring, hardworking physician who has dedicated his life not only to helping individual patients but also expanding his role as a physician into improving public health in general. With his impressive medical education background both in India and the United States, and emphasis on post doctoral training, he has accomplished to build the foundation for his subsequent success that brought him honors, certifications, degrees, and leadership positions that helped him to build up a vast network of primary health care facilities with emphasis on the treatment of patients afflicted with the disease of addiction. He loves to teach and his audience loves to hear him. Our Continuing Medical Education program has invited him to be a monthly speaker addressing diagnosis, treatment, and health maintenance of patients with addiction problems. The rising number of attendings coming to his lectures indicates to me that there is still a great need for physicians to learn about the problem of addiction.

Dr. Kishore is the founder and President of the National Library of Addictions. He is also the President of Preventive Medicine Associates, a group of family practices located throughout Massachusetts dedicated to improving health through education and promotion of healthy lifestyles.

To summarize, I believe that Dr. Kishore has identified the need for patients as well as physicians to know more about addiction and through his non-threatening, humble leadership he has succeeded not only to de-stigmatize addiction but also to bring patients into good health care maintenance facilities with dedicated primary/ family practice physicians thereby improving public health in general.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Guenter Spanknebel'.

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March 14, 2008 – State of the Art Addiction Medicine. P.S. Kishore, MD

October 17, 2008 – Addiction Medicine and Public Health Challenge. Punyamuurtula Kishore, MD

November 21, 2008 – Dr. Vaillant's Model of Addiction. Alan Fisch, MD

December 19, 2008 – Clinical Challenge of Pain Management in Substance Abusers. Sheela Gurbani, MD

January 23, 2009 – Prisoner Re-entry & the Addiction Problem. Christopher Tully, Attorney at Law.

February 27, 2009 – Drug Testing, A Question of Prospective. William M. Burke, MD

March 20, 2009 – Psychosocial Aspects of Medical & Non-medical Prescription Drug Abuse. William E. McAuliffe, PhD

April 17, 2009 – Overview of Affective Disorders in Addiction. Dr. Mary Anderson

May 29, 2009 – The Role of the Stress Regulatory Systems in Alcohol Dependence. Heather N. Richardson, PhD

June 19, 2009 – Pathological Gambling. Jesse Mellor, MaPGS, CAS, LaADCI

September 25, 2009 – The Addicted Mind: Pharmacotherapeutic Principles. Drilon Saliu, Pharm D

October 3, 2009 – Common Medical Problems for the Addicted Patient. Manu Thakral, NP

March 26, 2010 – The Disease of Addiction – Delineation, Risk Factors Comparisons of In-Patient versus Out-Patient Modalities. Robert Friedman, MD

May 21, 2010 – Pre-Adolescent-Young Adult Substance Abuse. Lisa Liss, MSN, M.Ed RN and Susan Wendell

June 25, 2010 – Alcohol and Drug Overdose: Risk Factors and Prevention. Rita Montes, APRN.

October 29, 2010 – Concerns for Physicians and Professional Medical Staff in the Practice of Pain Management and Addiction Medicine. Robert Foery, PhD

February 25, 2011 - Alcohol and Drug Dependence: A Chronic Medical Disease. Nicholas J. Rencricca, MD, PhD

April 29, 2011 – The Importance of Addiction Medicine in Medical School Training and Residency. Nicholas Rencricca, MD and Nadi Singh, MD