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Dear Fellowship Applicant:

I am pleased and proud to welcome you to the Respiratory Institute at the Cleveland Clinic, where I have served as Institute Chair since 2018. The Respiratory Institute is one of the Clinic's largest clinical institutes, and houses the departments of Pulmonary, Critical Care, Allergy and Immunology, and Infectious Disease. We have strong faculty contingents in every clinical area of practice, as well as in the basic sciences, clinical and translational research, respiratory therapy and pulmonary physiology. Our mission is lofty, but we consider it our calling: to provide world-class care to the patients we see today, and to lay the foundation of even better care for the patients of tomorrow. As a "team of teams," we find tremendous fulfillment in pursuing this mission in the spirit of collaboration and innovation.

Part of this goal is our educational mission, which is also impressive, featuring the fellowship programs at its center. We have fellowship training programs in allergy and immunology (2 years), critical care medicine (2 years), infectious diseases (2 years), interventional pulmonology (1 year), lung transplantation (1 year) and pulmonary and critical care (3 years). We are also involved in the education and training of medical students, residents and a host of other professionals, including physician assistants and nurse practitioners.

I myself am a product of our PCCM fellowship, and over all the years since I entered the program I have been grateful for the training it provided me, including a matchless exposure to clinical medicine in my field, an introduction to research that has led to a career of grant-funded investigation, and leadership opportunities that prepared me for my current role and others along the way. We have a long tradition of focusing substantial resources on our training programs, as we strongly believe this is one of our most important investments in the future of our institution and the medical profession as a whole. I am a beneficiary of those resources and that focus, and I want to guarantee that the commitment of the Respiratory Institute to provide the best training in the world for our fellows will always be a core value and central pillar of what we do.

I encourage you to explore the possibilities for your future specialty career as you interview with our program leaders, faculty and fellows. We look forward to meeting you and being a part of your professional goals and dreams.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Raed A. Dweik", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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