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Jackie Williams  
Executive Director  
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**RE: Support for Dr. Savita Dhanvantari's nomination for BIRC director**

Dear Jackie Williams:

As an original co-founder of BIRC with Aaron Fenster and an operational committee board member since formation I strongly support Dr. Dhanvantari's nomination. It is time for BIRC to move to the next level of being a citywide voice for imaging in all its forms. This has to be done in a way that does not diminish the component parts but increases their collective ability to grow, in a strategic and coordinated approach, their individual programs into a true confederacy.

Why Dr. Savita Dhanvantari:

- a) She represents the non-tenured, non-UWAF0 demographic and without their restoration of franchise there can be no true confederacy.
- b) She has proven she can build a citywide imaging program: The Molecular Imaging program. This program is a unique and signature resource which has been growing consistently, in participation of students, in international recognition and of strategic importance over the last five years. (This program is led by BIRC members Paula Foster, Savita Dhanvantari, Donna Goldhawk and John Ronald cutting across our citywide demographics.)
- c) She understands the important current issues of diversity and gender.
- d) Dr. Dhanvantari knows the commitment of time and energy it takes to lead such an important, large and potentially influential citywide imaging program. She is committed to make the needed sacrifices.

Sincerely



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