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To Whom It May Concern:

This is a letter written in support of Dr. Ramcharan. By way of introduction, I am currently the director of the Transplant Program at the University of Pittsburgh and head of the Starzl Transplant Institute. I have been involved in the field of transplantation for almost 15 years. Dr. Ramcharan trained under me when I was a transplant surgeon at the University of Minnesota. The University of Minnesota has one of the oldest transplant programs in the country and is especially well known for its Pancreas Transplant Program. It has the largest international experience with pancreas transplant.

Dr. Ramcharan was a Fellow with our program for two years. During that time, he had extensive exposure and experience with pancreas transplant. He was involved in both the surgical procedure as well as the post-op management of patients. I have personally worked with Dr. Ramcharan on several of these operative procedures. I have no concerns with regards to Dr. Ramcharan's operative abilities and his ability to perform pancreas transplants and take care of these patients. He was very competent fellow and performed very well both in the operative procedure and the management of these complicated patients. Again I had no concerns with regards to his abilities.

If there are any questions with regards to Dr. Ramcharan, please feel free to contact me at humara2@upmc.edu.

Sincerely,

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To Whom It May Concern
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Dear Sirs:

This letter is to serve in recognition of Dr. Ramcharan's excellent service he provided on the Transplant Service and Hepatobiliary Service when we worked together from 2001 to 2006. Dr. Ramcharan joined us after completing a liver, pancreas, and kidney transplant fellowship at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis and a living related donor liver transplant fellowship at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. He is extremely well trained. During his tenure with us, he initiated the Living Related Donor Liver Transplant Program at Children's Hospital in New Orleans with a 100% success rate. He also performed numerous pancreas, kidney, and liver transplants and worked with us on the Hepatobiliary Pancreatic Surgery Service. We performed complex liver and pancreatic resections in addition to transplants. He also performed multiorgan donor harvests as well living donor organ procurements (both liver and kidney). He participated in all aspects of donor and recipient selection, the transplant procedures and post-transplant immunosuppressive management. He is a technically talented surgeon and skilled and conscientious physician. I recommend him without reservation.

If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'J. Philip Boudreaux'.

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