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Dr. Laura Hutchins
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Re: Dr. _____, M.D.

Dear Dr. Hutchins,

It is with great enthusiasm that I write this letter in support of Dr. _____ who is being considered for promotion to the rank of Associate Professor in the Clinical Educator track in the Department of Medicine at UAMS. I have worked with Dr. _____ since she joined the Department of Geriatrics in 2008, and in her role as Medical Director for the UAMS Palliative Care Program since 2011, and recently as Chief of the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System Palliative Care Department. I am honored to briefly summarize the strong credentials and many achievements of Dr. Harrington in the paragraphs below.

Dr. _____ is the proud recipient of numerous awards: becoming a Fellow in the American Academy Hospice and Palliated Medicine, UAMS Compassionate Care Award; Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System Physician of the Year Award; the UAMS Red Sash Award; and the Leadership Education and Academic Development Program in the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine as one of only 35 chosen nationally.

Dr. _____ is also well funded with ongoing external grants. Her commitment to education is self-evident in the copious seminars that she has been invited to present. Her skills as an educator are also highly valued both in the Department of Geriatrics and across the UAMS campus and across the state of Arkansas through her many telemedicine conferences. Dr. _____ is very active in the education and training for medical students and geriatric fellows. She contributes significantly to the curriculum development and teaching for the palliative care portion of the Geriatric Clerkship and Geriatric Fellowship Program. Dr. _____ continues to be highly rated by house staff, students and fellows for her excellence in teaching. She is also an integral member of our Geriatrics and Long-Term Care annual Update Continuing Medical Education Program, which also offers exciting community outreach opportunities.

In summary, Dr. _____, in my opinion, has fulfilled all clinical and academic goals for advancement to Associate Professor and is well deserving of this promotion. She continues to be an invaluable leader in program development and performs admirably in her many educational and clinical roles. Her dedication to excellence and compassionate patient care is exemplary, and we are fortunate beyond compare to have her on staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanne Wei".

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