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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to express my keen interest in becoming a member of the Board of Directors within the Brain of Injury Association of Maryland (BIAM). If elected for this position, I will devote the utmost time and resources needed to achieve the objectives of the BIAM and perform my duties as assigned.

With my diverse background and experience in the neurosciences, I look forward to this opportunity, contributing my knowledge and expertise to the continued success of the BIAM vision and mission.

Throughout my nursing career I have constantly worked with a broad spectrum of neuro patients. My involvement with the neurosciences began the moment I graduated from the University of Maryland School of Nursing and began my work in the University of Maryland Medical Center Neurosurgical Intensive Care Unit as a staff nurse. After that, I held the position of Nurse Manager for the Neuroscience Center at the Sinai Hospital of Maryland.

Currently, I hold the Director of Nursing position at the University of Maryland Rehabilitation and Orthopaedic Institute. I am overseeing four units of patients – the Brain Injury Unit, CVA Unit, Spinal Cord/Multitrauma Unit and Comprehensive Medical Rehabilitation Unit.

My continued dedication to the field of neuroscience has given me a detailed understanding of the needs and proper care of brain injury patients, something that cannot be simply memorized in a textbook but instead must be experienced, observed, and trialed over many years.

Additionally, I participated in organizing the local Chesapeake Bay Chapter of American Association of Neuroscience Nurses and served as the first president for 3 years. Presently, I am continuing to serve as the Past President.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your decision about this exciting opportunity.

Sincerely,

Yelena V. Tuerk