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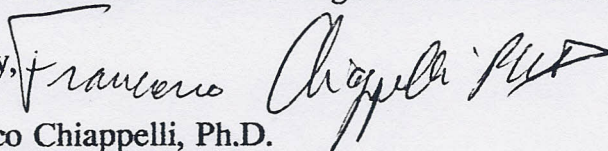
Dear Madam/Sir:

I am delighted to write this letter in support of my colleague and friend, Vladimir Vinnitsky, M.D., Ph.D., D.Sc., who is seeking to obtain a permanent immigration visa in the U.S. on the basis of his extraordinary abilities in the biomedical sciences.

Dr. Vinnitsky's superb training in the field of experimental and clinical oncology in Ukraine led him to the post of Deputy Director of the prestigious Institute for Experimental Pathology in Kiev at the age of 41, a position he has held until 1991. During that time, Dr. Vinnitsky also held the position of professor and chairman of the department of Mechanisms of Metastasis at the same Institute. Dr. Vinnitsky is an experienced academician who has been a Visiting Professor at the University of Naples (Italy) and of Gessen (Germany) as well as in the U.S. [Visiting Professor at the University of California at San Diego (1989 and 1991), University of Texas Medical Branch (1994 to present)]. Dr. Vinnitsky is known world-wide for the excellence and stringency of his science. He holds membership in renown international and national research societies in his field, and has been invited on several occasions to preside over scientific conferences and to lead scientific symposia. My first encounter with Dr. Vinnitsky, indeed, was when we both were invited to co-chair a workshop at the First International Congress on Neuroimmunomodulation in Florence in the Summer of 1991. Dr. Vinnitsky's exceptional grasp of the issues and complexities in the field of cancer development and metastasis is demonstrated by his remarkable productivity. The number and quality of the publications that have come out of his laboratory, of which the large majority list him as principal and first author, are an undeniable testimonial not only of his outstanding credentials but also of his exceptional abilities to generate new and most valuable knowledge in the field of cancer research, an area of clinical medicine at the fore-front of the concerns in the health care of our citizens. In addition, I can directly testify for the good-natured and enchanting personality that characterizes this great scientist.

Thus, I support with unreserved enthusiasm Dr. Vinnitsky's application for an INS Green Card, as I strongly believe that he will make a superb contribution to our country's research program in clinical medicine in general and in oncology in particular.

Sincerely,


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