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Re: Letter of Support – Dr. Diana Diao, Candidate for Regional Director, Canadian Dermatology Association

Dear CDA Nominations Committee,

I write in strong support of Dr. Diana Diao's candidacy for Regional Director of the Canadian Dermatology Association. Having observed her contributions firsthand for almost a decade, I am confident she is exceptionally well suited for this role.

Dr. Diao brings a rare combination of clinical breadth, academic rigour, and national engagement. She practises at Pacific Derm and St. Paul's Hospital — including the Providence Health Care Urgent Dermatology Clinic — spanning community and hospital-based care. As a Clinical Assistant Professor at UBC, she has mentored medical students and dermatology residents since 2017.

Her national profile is well established. She has presented at the CDA Annual Meeting on multiple occasions, most recently on cosmeceuticals, and her peer-reviewed publications span clinical dermatology, pharmacotherapy, and photomedicine.

Through her work on the CDA Membership and Awards Committee, Dr. Diao has demonstrated her commitment to national collaboration. She understands the access challenges facing Canadian patients — from wait times for skin cancer care to the erosion of phototherapy and patch testing — and is a thoughtful advocate for the funding models our specialty requires.

She is equally committed to workforce diversity and trainee mentorship, particularly for women in dermatology, and brings a principled, forward-looking perspective on AI and emerging therapeutics.



British Columbia — and Canadian dermatology — will be well served by Dr. Diao. I endorse her candidacy without reservation.

Sincerely,

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