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To: US Citizenship and Immigration Services

Re: EB-1 Petition for Pramod Krishnani

I am writing this letter of support for Pramod Krishnani as he applies for an EB-1 Visa. My interactions with Mr. Krishnani started as he worked to supply extremely valuable customer approved photovoltaic operations and maintenance data from large PV power plants during his time at Belectric Inc. This project that we have initiated here at Sandia has requested participation from some of the most advanced and forward-thinking photovoltaic system operators as they have a vested interest in advancing the state of the art for operation and maintenance activities and ensuring that photovoltaic systems become mainstream across the U.S.

Mr. Krishnani has been able to leverage his experience in photovoltaics to develop new and novel ways to both collect and analyze fault and failure data, which is apparent from his background in the solar industry. As this industry is still new, being able to collaborate with experts such as Mr. Krishnani is invaluable as there are not many engineers with photovoltaic experience, and fewer even that understand some of the complex reliability concepts that plague large and complex systems. His insights have helped shape some of our efforts at better understanding photovoltaic system reliability through sharing of novel calculations, algorithms and techniques that have helped ensure our project reaches its intended goals. Specifically, to reduce the cost of solar photovoltaic systems and increase the amount of both distributed and centralized photovoltaic system assets of high quality and reliability.

As Mr. Krishnani continues to apply his skills to many areas of the photovoltaic industry, I appreciate his willingness to continue engaging with our efforts. As a testament to his integrity and security concerns, the project that he brought forward in our multi-partner collaboration requires access to one of our networks. As he is not a U.S. citizen, there was no guarantee that he would be approved; he went through the process of review and was granted access.

Based on Mr. Krishnani's unique skillset, personal integrity and willingness to create and both advance the state of the art in understanding photovoltaic systems, I believe he is the right candidate for an EB-1 immigrant visa.

Sincerely,



Geoff T. Klise