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To: US Citizenship and Immigration Service

Subject: *EB-1 Petition for Pramod Krishnani*

I am writing this recommendation on behalf of Pramod Krishnani, who I have known professionally since about 2013. I am a Distinguished Member of Technical Staff at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where I have worked since 2001. I began working in the field of Solar Photovoltaics (PV) at Sandia in 2009 and shortly after that (2013) I met Pramod Krishnani at a PV Performance Modeling Collaborative (PVPMC) workshop that I organized for the solar industry. Pramod was working for Belectric, Inc. at the time and he was fast making a positive impact in the field. For that first workshop, Pramod volunteered his time to assist at the workshop by making digital recordings of the talks and making them available for participants on our project website. It was clear from this first interaction, that Pramod was not only talented, but also forward thinking and community minded. While at Belectric, Pramod developed an advanced PV plant performance testing program that he has continued to improve and develop as he has moved to different companies. More recently, he has contributed to the development of several IEC standards for best practices for monitoring the performance of solar power plants (e.g., IEC-61724-1, IEC-61724-2, and IEC-61724-3). In 2014, he was appointed as an IEC Expert member. His technical work, which he documents in publicly available reports and white papers for the standards committees has resulted in new and better ways to manage and maintain PV power plants so they perform to expectations and are economical.

Pramod continues to contribute to the solar PV and renewable energy community. He is a regular participant in technical conferences and workshops, where he shares his experience and ideas with the aim of improving upon current practices. He is very generous with his time and frequently offers to help other professionals in the industry.

From my professional perspective, Pramod Krishnani exemplifies the type of person that the EB-1 Visa program was designed to attract and retain in the US. I hope he can continue to work in the US and help our country be successful in the renewable energy transition that is underway.

Sincerely,

Joshua S. Stein



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