



April 4, 2024

NAMI
Attn: Elections 2024
4301 Wilson Blvd., Suite 300
Arlington, VA 22203

Dear NAMI 2024 Elections Committee,

The NAMI Colorado Board is proud to submit the name of Babu George Mathew as a candidate for the 2024-2025 NAMI Board of Directors. The nomination of Babu George Mathew was confirmed on April 2, 2024. Babu George Mathew is an active member of NAMI JEFFCO.

Babu George Mathew personifies all that NAMI encompasses: inclusivity, diversity, commitment, training, knowledge, connection, lived experience and much, much more. He exemplifies the type of exceptional candidates that should be put forth for the 2024-2025 NAMI Board of Directors. As the 2023 National recipient of the Cross Culture Innovation and Engagement award and a member of the FaithNet advisory council, Babu has leaned into sharing the JEDI vision throughout the country. All this while providing safe space for his adult daughter living with mental illness, chairing NAMI Colorado, and embracing the relationship of affiliates with the NSO. The budget of the State organization has grown 200 percent during his tenure, the presence at the State capital is respected at new levels, staff has doubled, and the delivery of programs for marginalized communities have gone from pilot to expansion. Babu is the ultimate connector, and it shows by the fact that NAMI Colorado's efforts are recognized locally and partner nationally.

For these reasons, the NAMI Colorado supports the nomination of Babu George Mathew to serve families and individuals affected by mental illness as a member of the 2024-2025 NAMI Board of Directors.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ray M. O'Connell".

Executive Director