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Attn: Elections 2024

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Dear NAMI-National 2024 Elections Committee,

The NAMI-NYS Board is proud to submit the name of Barbara Ricci as a candidate for the 2024-2025 NAMI Board of Directors. This nomination was confirmed on April 5, 2024.

Our NAMI-NYC Metro affiliate has shared with us the incredible impact Barbara has made on the NAMI mission. She is an active member of NAMI-NYC. Barbara has been involved with NAMI-NYC since the 1980s, both as a family member to a loved one diagnosed with schizophrenia and as a person living with bipolar 2 disorder. She started as a member of a sibling support group and went on to serve as a NAMI-NYC Board of Director and eventually Board President. She also served one term on the NAMI-National Board from 2016 -2019.

In addition to her passion for mental health advocacy, Barbara brings deep experience in philanthropy and financial oversight. These are both areas of expertise that the NAMI-National Board has highlighted as desirable in potential Board candidates.

Barbara is fully committed to upholding NAMI's core values, promoting diversity and inclusion, and working collaboratively with fellow board members to drive positive change within our organization and beyond.

For these reasons, the NAMI-NYS Board stands with NAMI-NYC Metro in support of the nomination of Barbara Ricci to serve families and individuals affected by mental illness as a member of the 2024-2025 NAMI Board of Directors.

Respectfully yours,

Sharon R. Horton

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