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April 4, 2025

NAMI
Attn: Elections 2025
4301 Wilson Blvd., Suite 300
Arlington, VA 22203

Dear NAMI 2025 Elections Committee,

The NAMI Metropolitan Baltimore Board is proud to submit the name of Kerry Graves as a candidate for the 2025-2026 NAMI Board of Directors. The nomination of Kerry was confirmed on March 10, 2025. Kerry is a dedicated and strategic member of NAMI Metropolitan Baltimore.

Kerry is an exceptional candidate for the 2025-2026 NAMI Board of Directors. In her more than six years as Executive Director for NAMI Metropolitan Baltimore, the affiliate has seen a remarkable transformation, doubling both revenue and community reach. Kerry's leadership and strategic thinking have been central to this growth. She has skillfully elevated NAMI Metro Baltimore's visibility in the Baltimore area, positioning the organization as a trusted voice and a critical resource in the community. Her commitment to fostering strong relationships with local organizations, mental health professionals, and community leaders has earned her the respect of the greater Baltimore area.

Kerry's role as a trusted voice for mental health resources in the community is one of her defining qualities. She is regularly called upon by local institutions, policymakers, and individuals to lend her expertise and insight, a testament to the confidence the community places in her leadership. She is deeply committed to ensuring that NAMI Metro Baltimore remains at the forefront of mental health advocacy, outreach, and support.

Kerry's robust experience in development and leadership roles within the nonprofit sector gives her a unique and valuable perspective, especially at a critical time when listening to field needs and responding to community input is paramount. Her service on various local boards has further honed her strategic mindset and accountability, which are essential for an effective and impactful member of the National Board.

Above all, Kerry's dedication to NAMI's mission and values is unwavering. She has worked tirelessly to ensure that the NAMI brand is not only recognized but revered as a trusted and effective resource within the community. She represents NAMI Metropolitan Baltimore with integrity and passion, ensuring that families and individuals affected by mental illness have access to the exceptional resources and programs they need.

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For these reasons, the NAMI Metropolitan Baltimore Board proudly supports the nomination of Kerry Graves to serve families and individuals affected by mental illness as a member of the 2025-2026 NAMI Board of Directors.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Toyja Kelley
President, Board of Directors
NAMI Metropolitan Baltimore