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To Whom It May Concern,

As a long term supporter and champion of the EndBrainCancer Initiative, formerly the Chris Elliott Fund (EBCI, www.EndBrainCancer.org), and the work they do every day on behalf of brain cancer patients, caregivers, families and research, I am inviting you to consider underwriting this social enterprise as they scale to meet the ever-increasing demand for their free services.

Your support is required to increase the number of brain cancer patients and families directly served annually from the current number of 900 to 4800 within the next three years. This work is vital for improving outcomes for a disease where life expectancy is typically measured in months, not years.

As a scientist and clinician in translational medicine, neuroscience and neuro-oncology, I fully appreciate EBCI's work and IMPACT in furthering scientific advancement. Their "Direct Connect" program is unique in that it "pre-qualifies" patients for clinical trials, fuels research, and increases clinical enrollment. Ultimately together, we envision being able to change Standard Care, as new and much more effective therapies are brought into the mainstream.

I currently serve on their Medical Advisory Board, as I have for the past 8+ years and during this time, I have witnessed firsthand the IMPACT this organization makes in the lives of brain cancer patients which is nothing short of miraculous. I have personally seen patients go from deep despair to HOPE upon learning that additional options do indeed exist for treating their cancer because EBCI was able to intervene and make the right connections to top specialists on their behalf. I have personally seen patients live better quality of life, live longer with some long term survivors for people who work with the EBCI as well as have seen the importance of this social enterprise organization fuel brain cancer research. With your support, this organization has the ability to turn brain cancer from a terminal illness to an illness that is managed with additional treatment options and IMMEDIATE ACCESS to these treatment options.

Thank you for your consideration of underwriting the important & vital work of EndBrainCancer Initiative.

Sincerely,

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