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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to nominate Mihoko Tam for the PCICS bedside nursing excellence award.

Mihoko Tam started her nursing career in 2007 in the PCICU at Duke University Hospital. After 2 years, Mihoko relocated to Boston and joined the CICU at Boston Children's Hospital. Mihoko's leadership skills immediately shined as she advanced her practice to a level 2 nurse in 2013. For the last 13 years, Mihoko has been an integral part of the education of nurses in the CICU at Boston Children's Hospital. Her approachability is unlike no other and she is a safe space for nurses to talk, ask questions and seek mentoring. She is patient and kind but also able to give constructive feedback in the moment. Her dedication to the education of the staff nurses is valued. Mihoko spends her shifts ensuring that everyone is informed and comfortable in their practice.

As a bedside nurses, Mihoko is incredibly thorough. She understands the full scope of her patient. As a charge nurse, I worked closely with Mihoko, and I always knew exactly what was happening in her patient's rooms. She always keeps the CICU team informed. She is a fierce patient advocate and is never afraid to speak up when she thinks something could be altered. She is respectful in her approach and always speaks up to benefit her patient. Patients and families appreciate her kindness, advocacy, and education.

It is a pleasure to write this letter in support of Mihoko and her CICU journey. She is a dedicated staff member, mentor, advocate, teacher, and leader in the CICU. We are blessed to have Mihoko as a member of our team and I look forward to witnessing the amazing work she is destined to accomplish in her nursing career.

Sincerely,

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