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Dear ECFS member,

I would like to nominate Jeffrey Beekman PhD as candidate for the ECFS board for the following reasons:

- 1) Through the work that Jeff has accomplished in the past 8 years, he was able to bring the amazing new technology of organoids to the CF field, so that it is now possible to test the novel and exciting CFTR modulators (and future new drugs) to all CF patients.
- 2) He has already an impressive track record of publications in the field, mostly on top journals. This represents a remarkable case of success on the close collaboration between researchers and clinicians.
- 3) Jeff is also an enthusiastic and active member of the ECFS Basic Science Working group, in which he has always been ready to transfer his knowledge and expertise to everyone.
- 4) As a very strong translational researcher in the field of CF, by becoming an ECFS Board member, Jeff may indeed significantly contribute to implement translational goals within ECFS so as to move quickly from the bench to the bed and back.
- 5) In order to make significant changes in this disease, the ECFS Board really needs strongly motivated young people so as to make the most of the opportunities that we as a society need to face.

In summary, Jeff's work is a brilliant illustration of how fundamental scientific knowledge can be translated into the clinic and I thus see him as an ideal candidate to join the ECFS Board.

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