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An Open Letter in Support of Raquel Saraswati

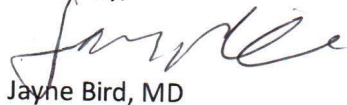
To Whom it May Concern:

Raquel has been my regular patient since 2018. As a dermatologist, I would classify her skin type as Fitzpatrick Type 4, meaning she has light brown/olive skin color and tans easily. In dermatology, we would classify Fitzpatrick Skin Type 4 as skin of color (SOC). Individuals with type 4 skin come from a range of ethnicities and nationalities, and, as with many people around the world, including Raquel, skin type often represents a blend of ethnicities.

Natural skin color is determined by genetics. I have reviewed a DNA report from a reputable source, and the basis of that genetic testing revealed that Raquel is of mixed heritage, and her DNA includes the following ethnicities, among others: North African (close to 40%), West Asian, Greek and South Italian (which are grouped as one category representing approximately 6% of Raquel's DNA). Low amounts (<5%) of Nigerian and other ethnicities are also present.

Based on this genetic testing and my own observations of Raquel as a patient, it is clearly established that she is skin type 4, and therefore, skin of color.

Sincerely,


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