**Boston Chapter (BONS)**

Oncology Nursing Society

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Dear **Boston Chapter (BONS)**:

I am writing in response to your scholarship application. I am currently a Newly Licensed Nurse Resident at Dana Faber Cancer Institute and have been in this position for the last 4 months. Over the past 2 years, I have been graduated from nursing school and attained one of the two Infusion Nurse Residency spots at DFCI.

As a newly licensed nurse, I am seeing, doing and absorbing new things every day. The information I learned in school has taken on a new understanding in the outpatient setting. After graduating nursing school in the middle of a pandemic, I knew I would have to hit the ground running and I was not wrong. The world of healthcare is changing all around me as I attempt to gain footing in my new career, but something that has remained consistent is patient care. The basis for quality patient care is knowledge. Knowledge of evidence-based practices that will give the patients the best shot a positive health outcome. Knowledge of your patients and the care they need. Lastly, the knowledge that you do not, and cannot, know everything; that you must continue to learn and grow throughout your career to be the best nurse for yourself and for your patients.

In the future, I look forward to exploring the opioid crisis and how it impacts patients with cancer. I believe this is an area that deserves to be more closely looked at, especially in Boston. “Recovery Road” on Mass Ave has a history of being pushed to the side, I would like to help bring more attention and resources those that need it. Attending the ONS Congress would help me, as a newly licensed nurse in the ambulatory oncology infusion setting gain the knowledge needed to practice to the best of my ability. It would allow me the opportunity to partake in an environment that fosters learning, innovation, and to grow in a way that is different than the growth I experience on the floor. Thank you for considering my application to receive the ONS congress scholarship!

***If awarded a BONS scholarship, I agree to serve on the Program Committee in the following year or provide a presentation to the BONS membership.***

I look forward to discussing my application with you. I have enclosed my resume for your review, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Hope Spence