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Rationales for requests to authors

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A suggestion for writing minutes

- Near the conclusion of the 11/17 BSAI Team meeting, an assessment author mentioned that the in-house reviewer for his assessment had suggested that Team requests to authors should always be accompanied by their respective rationales
- The Team discussed this suggestion briefly, and some members asked that it be placed on the agenda for the 9/18 Joint Team meeting
- Pros (not necessarily an exhaustive list):
 1. Would help authors understand what is being requested
 2. Would help Team evaluate whether the objective was accomplished
- Cons (not necessarily an exhaustive list):
 1. Not clear that a problem exists (request came from one individual)
 2. Loss of flexibility (another rule to follow)