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To Whom It May Concern,

It is with great pleasure that I write to enthusiastically support the nomination of Communities Without Borders (CWB) for a PEPFAR grant. I have known CWB for four years, and I continue to be impressed, on numerous levels, by the quality of their work and the dedication of their staff to improving the social welfare of at-risk youth in Lusaka, Zambia. Their group has a long history of working with orphans and vulnerable children, and it is in recognition of their accomplishments over the years, and their effort toward continual improvement that designates their organization as exemplary.

I came to know Dr. Richard Bail and Communities Without Borders when I participated in a research and service program in Lusaka, Zambia during the summer of 2011. I volunteered and assisted CWB on multiple occasions over the course of the summer and became deeply impressed by the scope and impact of their programs. Through improving school conditions and combining school sponsorship, psychosocial counseling, and medical outreach programs, CWB had managed to offer children encouragement and hope and promise.

In my two years as president of Healthy Kids/Brighter Future, a U.S. based registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization working with at-risk youth in Zambia, I have partnered with CWB on several occasions. Throughout these partnerships, I have always been extremely impressed with their approach for designing and implementing programs. The organization understands the importance of involving local stakeholders in all levels of planning, and they work diligently to ensure that their projects prioritize the upmost needs of the communities they serve. Their diligence and humility has allowed them to avoid the pitfalls that so many organizations face, and it has enabled them to be innovative, adaptive, and focused on their mission of improving the lives of orphans and vulnerable children.

For all above mentioned, I emphatically recommend Communities Without Borders without any reservations.

Sincerely,



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