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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter as a form of endorsement towards the STOP Bullying Today presentation. I have known Gareth and Sherrie for a number of years now and know that when they put their heart into something she truly believes in it will be successful. They are very organized with many innovative ideas. They are people to be depended upon to do what they say they will do.

Our world today is definitely a challenging place for our teens. Our children are asked and presented with many life decisions. What is important is that we educate them and teach them that there are choices they can make. We also need to show them that there is support out there to help them make the right choices and try to have a sense of feeling safe. STOP Bullying Today has developed ways to ensure this happens.

It is very important to help the teens who have made poor choices through their difficulties. They need to know that life is not over because of a mistake. We need to show them that they too can achieve their dreams and move beyond their hurt. All can heal.

Gareth and Sherrie have put together an important presentation that I feel is really worth looking at. Using "Reach For The Stars" game show is a great idea to ensure learning. Everyone has baggage. It is how we learn to deal with that baggage that makes the difference. By giving students the opportunity to watch, discuss and learn about these obstacles and the options out there, we are investing wisely in these teens future.

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