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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of Kim Pearson, who provides exceptional and unique services for transgender and gender variant youth and their families. I am an assistant professor of Pediatrics at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles in the Division of Adolescent Medicine and have been treating gender variant and transgender youth for many years. I have recently launched a clinic for gender variant and transgender children, the only clinic in the Western States that sees such children in significant quantities. I have had the distinct pleasure of knowing Ms. Pearson for the past two years, and working closely with her over the past 6 months. Kim is the Executive Director/Co-Founder of TransYouth Family Allies (TYFA) and National Board President of PFLAG-Transgender Network and the proud mother of a transgender son.

Fueled by her passion for ensuring respect and equal rights for children like hers she co-founded TYFA, the first and only national organization that supports, educates and advocates exclusively for gender variant and transgender children. TYFA has provided support to hundreds of families and provided training for their schools. They educate GLBT organizations, service professionals and government officials all over the United States. TYFA and their families have been featured on several local/national radio programs, national/regional television, including Dr. Oz and National Geographic.

While these accomplishments seem remarkable by themselves, it is Kim's personal commitment to the advocacy of trans youth and their families that truly makes her a national (perhaps International) expert in transgender transition facilitation and logistics. The process of transitioning for youth, families and schools is complicated, and requires individual attention and preparation. I have found Kim to possess an excellent; perhaps unparalleled ability to understand the needs of each of her clients, consider all of the people involved, and facilitate what otherwise might be a disastrous process. She has tirelessly agreed to mediate within families struggling to understand the transgender phenomenon, to help bring compassion and education to their doorsteps. Kim has given more time, energy and resources to trans kids, youth and families than any physician I know.

It would be a distinct pleasure to have an ally like Kim for every complicated medical condition children and youth encounter. I strongly encourage utilizing her expertise, intelligence, practical perspective and unfailing commitment to help educate communities, schools, families and providers if presented with such an opportunity.

Respect • Service • Excellence • Knowledge • Teamwork

Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding Kim Pearson and the admirable work she performs each and every day.

Warm Regards,

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