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RE: Supervision Around the World (SAW) Project

To Whom It May Concern:

I proudly write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Julie Truschel, President of Community Supervision Solutions and the SAW Project. Ms. Truschel is known to the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) as a community corrections professional, member, and immediate past chair of its International Committee. Her commitment to APPA sets her apart from others and speaks volumes about her communication and organizational skills. In 2017, because of these competencies, Ms. Truschel was invited to serve on the Strategic Planning Committee of the association.

Regarding the SAW project, when Ms. Truschel approached the executive committee of the Board of Directors of APPA about the partnership, the leadership was thrilled to offer its support. The notion of creating a global perspective of probation and parole is ingenious. It will be valuable to identify other countries offering supervision services, document practices, build relationships with administrators, and create an interactive internet repository of program information.

There are many community supervision entities around the world – some making major progress, and others needing support and direction. It will be fantastic to have a single database, via an interactive website, which contains facts about community supervision practices. More importantly, it will be remarkable to identify those practices that are proven to lower recidivism rates, improve outcomes, and enhance public safety. The greatest benefit of the initiative is improved public safety – it is important to every individual and organization. Foundations and corporations will benefit in other ways such as: fulfill mission statement objectives to identify community development or public safety; get free promotion to 34,000 APPA members; and/or obtain a tax deduction.

It gives me great pleasure to recommend this important initiative and its principal, Ms. Truschel, as I have great confidence in her abilities. APPA has willingly entered into a contractual agreement and partnership with Ms. Truschel to manage the SAW Project. Ms. Truschel has vast knowledge of the field of community supervision, she is a great leader, she has considerable skills and capacity, and has undisputable character traits – all are essential qualities for this undertaking. Again, I enthusiastically make this recommendation and strongly urge your funding and support for this essential initiative.

Sincerest regards,

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Executive Director, APPA