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To Whom It May Concern:

It is a great honor to write a letter on behalf of Elaine Tyler and the HOPE Organization. This organization has been absolutely invaluable at reaching the needs of victims from polygamous communities. By focusing on abuse instead of religious beliefs, Elaine and her organization is trusted by many polygamists and those leaving the polygamous lifestyle.

Elaine and her volunteers are constantly helping victims by providing transportation, shelter, cars, food and or just cutting through the red tape in order to get services. HOPE has provided back-up support for numerous government and social service agencies. The organization knows what is needed and makes itself available to anyone needing help.

The HOPE Organization has also been actively involved in educating polygamists about outside services and teaching the public about the unique needs within polygamous communities. HOPE has helped organize Town Hall meetings, Life Skills classes and provided one-on-one mentoring.

We have learned that some victims from polygamous communities will never go to the government for assistance but they have learned to love and trust the people at HOPE. The HOPE volunteers know the culture and have been able to break down many barriers that keep victims from getting help.

Many organizations have come and gone since HOPE began. Please give Elaine and the HOPE Organization your full consideration for any financial assistance to keep HOPE alive. Please contact me at 801-528-1892 or pmurphy@utah.gov if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Paul Murphy
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