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Dear Dr. Dussich,

The intent of this letter is to provide Elder Abuse Services, Inc. with my full support for its proposed services. For at least the past ten years those of us who have worked in the area of elder abuse in Fresno County, have been keenly aware of the dire need for an emergency shelter for abused elders who are in crisis. The sad fact is that these elder victims of abuse have had very few options, all of which are unacceptable: to either spend a few nights in some substandard overnight facility (cheap hotel, church dormitory, hospital or charity lodging), temporarily stay with a relative or friend, spend the night on the streets or return to their own abusive home situation. With the graying of the post-war "Baby-boomers" this giant wave of older persons will unfortunately also produce a large number of abused elders, some of which will need the emergency shelter your organization will offer. This is a most timely effort which you are addressing. Something significant must be done now.

In my recent work with elder abuse cases with both the Fresno Police Department and the Fresno Sheriff's Office; and my association with many of the state and local organizations working with elder abuse, I am aware that there have been a number of attempts made by various organizations and individuals to start a safe, clean and functional emergency facility for these victims. They need and deserve a temporary residence away from their abuser where they can receive the care and protection they must have to survive. I am particularly encouraged by the unique feature of your intended shelter

to not only work in conjunction with the criminal justice system but to also offer the stakeholders with the opportunity for mediation to help resolve their conflict. To my knowledge, this restorative justice option for an elder abuse shelter does not yet exist in this country; however, there are two models in Canada which you intend to use as resource guides. Also, I particularly like the idea that you will be able

to draw on the expertise of the Fresno Pacific University's Center for Peacemaking and Conflict Studies to help you achieve your program's objectives.

I am sincerely honored, pleased and heartened to offer you whatever services I can to help you bring this program to fruition and when operational, to provide you with my continued collaboration. More specifically I am ready to facilitate the collection of other letters of support for EASI as a gesture of my genuine belief in your objectives, your persistent struggle and the quality of services you intend to provide to this community. I know of many other individuals and organizations which are aware of what you are trying to accomplish and are ready to cooperate with you to see this noble project through to its realization.

My best wishes,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'David Case', with a stylized, flowing script.

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