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Attention Review Team,

I am writing to express my strong support of your program for the 2014 Leadership Wisconsin Excellence Award. Your program serves a vital role in serving at risk middle and high school girls. I have made referrals to your program for teenage girls who need the extra attention of a mentoring relationship in their life. I know your program works to expose the girls to new opportunities and new ideas. As the Coordinator of Victim/Witness Services of Sheboygan County, I am keenly aware of the important services provided by your program.

In my position of working with crime victims, I know that some of the participants in your program are victims of sexual assault and many have witnessed domestic violence. I appreciate that you try to provide support and resources in these areas as well. For example, we have collaborated on a case in which a young woman wanted to see her father in prison before he was deported. You were willing to work with the advocate through the Department of Corrections to make sure that this could be accomplished in a safe and supportive way for your client. We continue to see an increase in the severity of trauma that young girls are exposed to in their family situations. Your program offers hope of change and a supportive resource to families. The services you provide can make all the difference in their survival and long term healing.

I look forward to our continued cooperation and coordination of services in the future. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at #920-459-0380.

Very Truly Yours

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