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To Whom It May Concern:

We, the undersigned, publicly support Frederick Marx and Warrior Films' non-profit film-in-progress *Rites of Passage: Mentoring the Future* (working title only). We believe this project could be the game changer needed to finally put initiating and mentoring the world's young people on the front burner of Western culture. Though we recognize the many different challenges standing in the way of health for the planet and its many peoples, we feel strongly that initiation and mentorship of adolescents is one of our most pressing needs. Resolving that need could go a long way to helping us solve many of those very same planetary challenges.

The worldwide release of the film will immeasurably aid us in our ongoing work both as individuals and institutions. The film will feature many of us in its narrative and mention many more of us by name in the credits. The outreach campaign will direct adults to seek our services on behalf of young people, and encourage youth development institutions and schools to partner with us. The shift of public consciousness on this issue will relieve many of us of having to explain over and over again what we mean by "healthy rites of passage" and why they're essential for the wellbeing of individuals, families, and communities.

We invite you to partner with us in any way that serves: extending funds, airline miles, in-kind donations (plane tickets, rental cars, hotel rooms, meals...), labor, expertise, publicity... There are many ways you can join this campaign with us. Your support will be returned many times over in the betterment of individual lives, stronger, healthier families, and resilient communities everywhere.

We invite you to stand together with us, with Frederick and Warrior Films, and state unequivocally **the time for this film is NOW!**

Sincerely,

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