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Recognition and Accreditation Program Coordinator
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RE: Recommendation for ORPE Human Rights Advocates
and for Full Accreditation of staff member (Edward T Moises)

Dear Program Director,

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for recognition by the OLAP in favor of the Organization ORPE Human Rights Advocates, and the full accreditation of its staff member, Mr. Edward T Moises.

I am Dr. Robert Fletcher, Pastor of Summit Ministry Church; a multi-cultural Congregation located at 2800 Westchester Avenue, Ellicott City, MD 21043. As multi-cultural ministry, I have been working for several years with nonprofits organizations engaged in the ministry of assisting foreign born citizens resolve their immigration problems.

Beside the duty of spiritual care, providing worship and leadership to the congregation, I also exercise the duty of shepherding, feeding and counseling individuals and families in their challenging moments. Immigration challenge is one of the most recurring concerns preoccupying the members of culturally-centered communities. This led me become more familiar with immigration matters.

I am familiar with the activities of ORPE Human Rights Advocates and highly recommend its Agency be recognized if it pleases the Director of OLAP. My recommendation is based on what I have been witnessing in regard of OHRA's ability to advance Jesus' mission based on the principle of "Love", which we clearly see in the OHRA's actions. Although the organization clearly does not engage itself in the process of helping member facing immigration challenges, I have been touched by the way they have been trying to advocate and orient members of our community who have less complicated cases in successfully filling pro se immigration benefits and applications before USCIS. I have attended many meetings where members of OHRA and I have discussed and benefit advice, especially on a number of issues related to immigration law. Based on testimonies from members who have benefited from OHRA's guidance services, I have reasons to believe that ORPE Human Rights Advocates has the necessary knowledge and experience required to provide quality immigration legal services.

Furthermore, Mr. Moises who is the supervisor of the immigration programs speaks Portuguese and there is a great need for quality immigration legal services in the Brazilian community, due to the large population of immigrants and the shortage of immigration legal service providers who speak Portuguese language.

I have known Mr. Moises since he was referred to me by Pastor Henri Mateya of the Myrtle Beach Brazilian Community. Mr. Moises speaks Portuguese and it's easy for people of this community to explain their situations. It is in this context he has been orienting some people of this community on the possible immigration benefits and the possible direction they should be taking. Knowing him personally, there is no doubt that he is a person of a good moral character. Therefore, if it pleases the Director of OLAP, I recommend that Mr. Moises be granted full accreditation.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at rfletcher@sumic.org

Sincerely,

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