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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Rabbi Mendel Lifshitz and the H.E.A.R.T program on behalf of myself, Cherry Gulch, and our students and families from across the country. Cherry Gulch is a therapeutic boarding school for middle school age boys. Rabbi Mendel has provided years of service to our students. He started visiting our campus in 2006 when we only had one student. I had tried to reach out to other Rabbis but at the time Rabbi Mendel was the only one to return my call. He drove all the way from Boise to Emmett just to provide one student with spiritual and cultural support. Since that time we have grown to 40 students and Rabbi Mendel has continued to provide our Jewish students with support and guidance. Typically 30% or more of our students are from Jewish families, since our students are from all over the country, and we have even had a number of international students.

Rabbi Mendel has assisted us not only by visiting campus, recently on a weekly basis, but also by welcoming our students at Chabad Lubavitch of Idaho, organizing holiday celebrations, helping boys make shofars, etc. Rabbi Mendel and the H.E.A.R.T program have been a source of comfort for both our students and their parents, and many of our boys are thousands of miles from home. It is invaluable to provide the opportunity for our Jewish students to stay in touch with their faith and heritage during an impressionable and challenging time in their life.

Our school greatly appreciates and values Rabbi Mendel. He is a man of faith, courage, and integrity, and is an outstanding role model for all our boys. Rabbi Mendel's time with our students is completely voluntary and he receives no compensation from the school for his work here. I would strongly recommend that like-minded businesses, organizations, and individuals support him, the H.E.A.R.T program, and Chabad Lubavitch of Idaho.

Sincerely,

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