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To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept my strongest endorsement of the Camp Kindle SPEAK OUT program.

Students from the program, along with their Director, Brett Avila, presented at Hastings College on World AIDS Day 2006 (December 1) to a large and appreciative crowd of college students, faculty, and staff.

The program was extremely valuable to our campus, as it helped to dispel myths about who is infected/affected by HIV/AIDS, and it put a real face on what, for many of our students, is only a vague awareness. The SPEAK OUT students were so very real as they shared their stories, their humor, and their lives. Mr. Avila did an excellent job of teaching the basics about HIV/AIDS and incorporating the students' presentations into his presentation.

We especially appreciated the opportunity to get to know the students in a more personal way as they spent time on our campus and in our community. We were able to appreciate their personalities even more as we shared lunch with them and watched them at play, like the normal adolescents they are.

Our student body has had a fair amount of HIV/AIDS education on campus, but the SPEAK OUT program brought a new perspective to what they thought they knew.

I would strongly recommend this program to schools at any level, as it is adaptable to varying age groups.

I would be happy to visit in further with anyone about this outstanding program.

Sincerely,

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