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Dr. Sushena Reza-Paul KHPT No. 20 Uniworth Plaza 1st Floor, Sankey Road Palace Gutahalli Bangalore 560 020

Dear Sushena,

Thank you for your efforts during Mimi and my visit. We cherished the presentation by your Mysore team at the Board Meeting, as well as the discussion which ensued. Please convey to your team, especially to Raghu, Pratima and Ratna, our grateful thanks. They shared glimpses of their lives with a great deal of candor and enthusiasm, and I truly appreciated the souvenir they gifted to me. I will treasure the card which they signed on, and please do let them know that I will be framing it for our office in Seattle.

We realize what a remarkable start your program has had in Mysore, but also recognize the challenges you and your team faces in scaling up the program. Please also extend a note of thanks and encouragement to Dr. Kaveri Gurav and your staff, including Mr. K.T. Venukumar.

The Bijapur visit was also enlightening for Mimi and me – the complexity of a traditional context for sex work appears to be a serious challenge. However, I hope you and your team persevere along the same lines as you have in Mysore and prevail in spite of the complexity of the task. A note of thanks to your team, including Dr. Santosh and Venkatesh.

Thank you once again for meeting with us.

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