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To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Anna Luna and I am a Prevention Coach for the Mesquite High School Health and Wellness (MHSHW) Program at Mesquite High School in Gilbert, Arizona. I have been a School Social Worker for the past year and have worked in the field of social work for about eight years. At Mesquite High School I am a drug prevention educator and create collaborative relationships within the community to bring prevention education related to alcohol, marijuana and opioids to our high school students. I am also a mindfulness educator on campus. The students in our school are 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade and our campus has about 1500 students in attendance.

I have had the pleasure of meeting Miss Fonseca and Brandon during their presentation on the dangers of drinking and driving. I am writing today to show my support for The Next Step Foundation and Team Brandon. I believe their mission and vision are very important and influential. The story they tell, and the lessons students learn should be incorporated in every single school to show the dangers of drinking and driving and the long-term consequences.

Please see below for some testimony provided by teachers who had brought their students in for the drinking and driving presentation:



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- -Across the board, my students told me this was the most significant presentation they have ever attended that affected them on an emotional level of remembrance.
- -Very sad situation. Hopefully some good will come from all the heartache.
- -Thank you for setting this up and thank you to the family for sharing their story.

I am in awe of the strength of the entire Fonseca family and our MHSHW program fully supports The Next Step Foundation. Should you need any additional information or references please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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