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Dear Ms. Wagner and Ms. Difelciantonio:

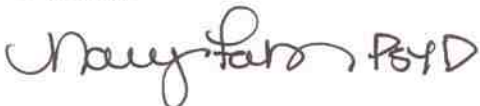
It has been very informative and instructive to become familiar with your work over the last few years. I must say it is very inspiring to have the visual documentation of the courage and compassion that survivors of torture and other severe traumas demonstrate. Your work is more than film; it is testimony.

I am writing to offer my whole-hearted support of your venture to document the stories of survivors and the work of the Bellevue/NYU Program for Survivors of Torture in the film, *Seeking Refuge*. I am very familiar with the Bellevue/NYU program and its staff as a colleague who has work in the field of torture rehabilitation since 1987 at the Heartland Alliance Marjorie Kovler Center, a torture treatment program in Chicago, IL. I also served as President of the National Consortium of Torture Treatment Programs (NCTTP) for five years and worked very closely with Dr. Allen Keller as a result.

As a clinical psychologist and member of the NCTTP, I believe that we have a responsibility to educate our political representatives and communities about the consequences of torture. Torture is an issue that is under-recognized and misunderstood for the atrocity that it is. There is little in the area of the arts that accurately conveys the long-term consequences of torture. The torture survivor is more than an individual, but is also part of a family and a community that is gravely impacted by the acts of torture. When an individual is tortured, there are reverberations that affect every aspect of a society's moral and social fiber. It is of utmost importance to provide torture survivors with a human face and a voice. Film is a very important aspect of education and I would look forward to your film, *Seeking Refuge*, contribute a valuable perspective.

I both thank you for and support your efforts.

Sincerely,



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