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National Endowment for the Humanities
110 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20506

RE: Letter of Support for *Seeking Refuge* Documentary

Dear Committee Members,

I write this letter in strong support of Naked Eye's proposed documentary entitled *Seeking Refuge*. I am a Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Social Justice at Seton Hall University School of Law in New Jersey. I teach courses in refugee law, immigration law, and international human rights law and have written numerous scholarly articles in these areas. Since 1995, I have also directed the Immigrants' Rights/International Human Rights Clinic at Seton Hall Law School. In that capacity, I have worked with third year law students to provide pro bono legal representation for immigrants from around the world who are seeking protection in the United States. As the vast majority of our clients are victims of torture, I have had the opportunity to work with the Bellevue NYU Torture Survivors Program and have been consistently impressed with the work that they do to heal and restore dignity to those who have been treated in the most inhumane ways imaginable.

I have read the proposal for *Seeking Refuge* and find it to be important and timely. As the producers have explained in their proposal, although torture is a hot topic in the media, the coverage is often sensationalized. Because of this, I greatly appreciate Naked Eye's commitment to humanizing torture and its impact on families and to exploring the process of healing that takes place at the Bellevue NYU Torture Survivors Program.

In conclusion, based upon my 17 years of working with torture survivors in the New York metropolitan area, my scholarship and teaching in this area, and my familiarity with the

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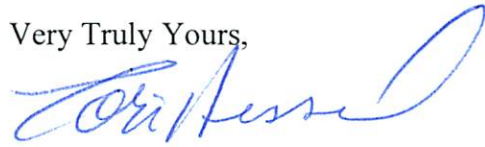
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Bellevue NYU program, I fully support the idea behind *Seeking Refuge* and believe that it is a timely and important project. I have also been impressed with Naked Eye's work on other important and sensitive topics so I have full confidence in this project.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lori Nessel", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Lori A. Nessel