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United States Department of State, Waiver Review Division
Re: Letter of Support for Charles François Aloyse de Bourcy

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter as a friend of Mr. de Bourcy. To introduce myself, I was born in Mexico City, Mexico and immigrated to Saint Louis, MO when my father was offered the position of Director of Hepatology at Washington University School of Medicine. In 2008, I became a naturalized American citizen. I completed my B.A. in Computer Science at Harvard University in Cambridge, MA, and currently reside in New York City working as a senior software engineer at Mark43, a company that develops public safety software. I met Mr. de Bourcy during a work trip to Palo Alto, soon after he began a relationship with my long-time friend, Mr. Miguel Guevara. Over the years, my friendship with Mr. de Bourcy has deepened through trips out west, where I have had the pleasure of witnessing his contributions to each community in which he belongs.

Most recently, Mr. de Bourcy hosted me in his home in Palm Springs, California. During that time, I was struck by the meaningful connections he has made. Whether at work or in social gatherings, Mr. de Bourcy is a prominent presence. During a social reunion with neighbors, it was evident how everyone profoundly appreciated him and saw Mr. de Bourcy as a key member of the group. His neighbors and friends expressed to me how thankful they were to have met Mr. de Bourcy, noting his faithfulness as a friend, his dedication to the group, and his generosity. A friend of his memorably commented to me that Mr. de Bourcy, as an accomplished classical pianist, shares his talent selflessly, hosting recitals and reunions where friends may gather and make new connections. That, to me, exemplifies Mr. de Bourcy's natural gift: his presence in any community doesn't simply represent one more member; rather, he is a force multiplier, someone that strengthens the foundation of the community itself. With that in mind, the American community at large—not only those that know him—would suffer if Mr. de Bourcy is forced to relocate to Luxembourg.

Mr. de Bourcy's time in the United States has been characterized his commitment to giving back to his community. Given the close-knit connections he has developed and his continuing dedication to strengthening those connections, his continued presence in the United States is invaluable. I hope that a J-1 waiver will be granted to allow him to remain in the country and continue his meaningful involvement in his community.

Sincerely,

Paul Lisker