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Dear Fulbright Selection Committee,

I am **name, position** at Blue Forests, nonprofit organizationbased in Makassar, Indonesia. We work in mangrove conservation and community engagement around the island of Sulawesi. I am writing to you today with the intention of expressing my enthusiasmin supporting Sophie Wulfing as an affiliate for her Fulbright Grant in Indonesia. As an organization that works extensively in the region in which Ms. Wulfing will conduct her research, her project would make a valuable contribution to our efforts in restoring mangrove forests in Sulawesi.Through her past research and studies, Ms. Wulfing has demonstrated that she is qualified to carry out a fisheries research project in mangrove forests, and we look forward to collaborating with her in the future.

As we have been in contact over the past several weeks, Ms. Wulfing has outlined her project on conducting stock assessments and biodiversity studies on the island of Tanakeke. We have been restoring mangrove forests there since 2015, so her work will integrate nicely with our efforts to encourage blue forest restoration and educate local communities on the benefits of mangroves. We have agreed to collaborate in identifying the important sites and marine species that will be the most impactful in the community. We also plan to aid her in her fieldwork by facilitating her move to South Sulawesi and connect her to local community leaders.

Ms. Wulfing has also expressed a desire to help with educating and engaging communities in her work. As a result, she has agreed to assist with organizing and creating curriculum for our annual Field School on Tanakeke. This is an educational program that we hold in order to teach children in the community about conservation and the benefits of their marine environment. Her contribution to this event would be extremely beneficial to our work, but also help her engage with the people and culture where she would be conducting this research.

Thank you so much for your time, and I am happy to answer any questions regarding this applicant in the future.

Sincerely,

**Signature**

**Name**