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Dear Fulbright Selection Committee,

My name is Dr. Rohani Ambo-Rappe. I am writing to enthusiastically affirm my interest in serving as a host country affiliate for Sophie Wulfing, who is applying for a Fulbright grant. As a professor in the Faculty of Marine and Fisheries at Universitas Hasanuddin, I research the seagrass ecology of marine ecosystems surrounding Makassar. I have worked extensively with fisheries around South Sulawesi in combating seagrass decline and empowering community action for conservation. As my discipline is aligned with Sophie’s proposed project, I am confident that her qualifications are an excellent match for this program, and I look forward to working with her in the coming year.

Sophie and I have been in contact for several months, and I find Sophie’s research project to be both relevant and feasible. Recently, Tanakeke Island has undergone significant mangrove restoration, and fisheries have become a research priority within Indonesia. Sophie’s desire to pursue research on mangrove fisheries complements nicely with the work we are doing here at Universitas Hasanuddin with empowering communities in the preservation of their local fisheries. Sophie will have access to the research facilities here at Universitas Hasanuddin, as well as the opportunity to network with fellow researchers, attend talks and conferences, and learn more about fisheries research being conducted in Indonesia. Sophie has also agreed to support the students at this university by agreeing to teach a workshop in R, a statistical program that is commonly used in biological research.

In addition to my enthusiasm about Sophie’s research, I am thrilled to be able to support the Fulbright mission of cultural exchange. I have previously been a Fulbright mentor in 2016 and look forward to the opportunity guide another researcher during their project in South Sulawesi. I am enthusiastic about Sophie’s project as it incorporates my interest of marine habitat restoration with supporting local fishing communities.

Thank you for your consideration of Sophie Wulfing. I look forward to working with Sophie during her Fulbright and collaborating in the future.

Sincerely,

**Signature**

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