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The Ak Chin Indian Community of the
Maricopa Indian Reservation - Grants Review Committee

Dear Committee Members:

It is my distinct privilege and honor to provide this letter of reference in support of the grant application for the Native American Basketball Invitational (NABI).

While serving as an executive at Nike Inc, it was my good fortune to be present and participate in NABI's inaugural event in 2003. It was very clear at the time and still remains so today, that NABI's focus on educational achievement, physical fitness, fair competition, and cultural pride would be a benefit to the young men and women athletes whose teams participated in the multi-day activities. NABI's expansion and growth both within Indian Country and other areas of the community continue to favorably impact lives through sport while inspiring educational achievement. It is for that reason I have proudly remained active as both a financial donor and community advocate for its mission and events.

Without diminishing the noble goals of other worthy potential grantees, NABI's mission and impact are unique and its results are measurable. I would strongly recommend that NABI be a recipient from your grants review committee during this cycle. If I can answer any questions and/or be of service, please do not hesitate to call.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vada O. Manager". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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