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To whom it may concern:

I am honored to have the opportunity to extend support and recognition of the Metro Athletic Dragons (MAD) Dragon boat club. Since 1997, the MAD club, based in New York City, has competed in dragon boating regattas nationally and internationally. I have noticed firsthand how M.A.D. is all about enjoying the thrill of racing dragon boats and promoting a diverse community of paddlers and friends. They have indirectly helped shape Asian and Asian-American interests.

The MAD club is an organization of people of all ages, ranging from late teens to early forties. The MAD team is a mixture of veterans with a long history of experience and amateurs trying to learn. They have made it their business by inspiring professionalism, work ethic, and commitment as values both inside and outside of the competition. The MAD club has made sure to promote paddling as a great way to exercise, build friendships, gain responsibilities and acquire sportsmanship.

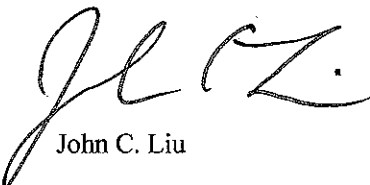
The MAD club hits the water weekday nights and weekend mornings. Their practice facility is located in my hometown of Flushing, Queens at the famous World's Fair Marina located just north the New York Mets home of Citi Field and LaGuardia Airport. This facility has been home to their likewise well known grueling practices and physical and mental endurance tests. As a team that not only participates locally at the annual Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival in August in the Flusing Meadows Corona Park, they've focused on competitions that includes races in Montreal, Boston, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey and D.C. They have been great representatives of our local metropolitan area and imparted lots of long lasting memories. More recently, they have made it their job to give back to the community. They had fundraised through happy hour events with proceeds going towards the Haiti Earthquake Relief work.

They have also, led by Joseph Lee, been able to donate practice time, dock space, and the use of their boats to assist in the training of my then City Council office in the participation of the race known as the Municipal Cup race. They were critical in enabling us the first ever awarding of the race's trophy. They've also been great at mentoring youth for High School student races.

I without reservation recognize their ongoing efforts to benefit the not only the dragon boat community but the entire City of New York towards the International Dragon Boat Federation's 7th Club Crew World Championships Macau 2010 and beyond. I can be reached at the indicated contact above.

Please accept my best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,



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