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Tara:

This letter is my personal recommendation of Stephen Addona in his efforts to secure a 2019 scholarship. I have been an advocate in reproductive health for more than ten years, and was recently elected to serve in the Florida House as the State Representative for District 47. During my years in advocacy, I have been lucky to witness Stephen in action as a leader and change-maker.

Stephen builds collective impact in our community through advocating for those who live with HIV/AIDS and working to reduce transmission rates. He is one of the most passionate people I know and holds a keen focus on community engagement and empowerment. His leadership in RE-START education and support groups is unmatched. Within this organization, Stephen brings together HIV+ community members at least once a month (if not more!) to provide peer-to-peer support and guidance. Thanks to Stephen's leadership in our community, we are changing culture and breaking stigma, allowing folks of every status to live life as their authentic selves.

Stephen's engagement goes beyond his work with RE-START; he also engages with elected officials and non-profits, serving on boards, volunteering, and ensuring that the needs of our HIV positive community members are prioritized, and met.

We are lucky to have Stephen in Orlando and your support of him will only add more to his transformational efforts.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anna V. Eskamani". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Representative Anna V. Eskamani
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