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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH), I wish to express my esteem for the work done by Ingressus, Inc. as related to the Uniting for Ukraine tuberculosis awareness campaign for the Tuberculosis Prevention and Care Program and recommend the organization for outreach services and other public health community communication work.

As part of requirements by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the CDPH TB Program was required to support newly arrived Ukrainians with access to TB screenings and related information. However, CDPH lacked the resources and cultural rapport with the local Ukrainian community to meaningfully fulfill this important public health need. As a result, CDPH engaged Ingressus through a competitive selection process. Ingressus stood out in its ability to provide culturally informed services and ability to reach the local community.

Ingressus's level of engagement in the campaign and integration into the Chicago metro area Ukrainian community was crucial in reaching our audience effectively. The success of the Ingressus team's cultural sensitivity and local knowledge played a vital role in the success of this initiative. Ingressus also created printed and recorded materials for distribution, which made a great difference.

We have observed tangible evidence of this campaign's success that demonstrate the campaign's effectiveness in raising awareness and engaging the community in important discussions about tuberculosis. As a result, I am providing this letter of recommendation for future community-focused collaborations with Ingressus. Their knowledge of local community engagement, established network, and resources were of importance in the Uniting for Ukraine project.

Sincerely,

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