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To all concerned,

I am writing to enthusiastically recommend KosovaLive as a host or partner organization for conferences, workshops, events and other programs.

In June, we will begin our seventh consecutive summer of an 8-week study abroad program in Kosovo. Students have classes in the mornings and work as reporting interns at KosovaLive in the afternoon, under my supervision and in collaboration with the staff of KosovaLive.

We are delighted with every aspect of our partnership with KosovaLive and plan on continuing this collaboration for many years. Kelmend Hapciu and his staff are a pleasure to work with, and they have provided invaluable help in connecting us with key people in every walk of life in Kosovo, including media professionals, educators, diplomats and leaders in civil society.

I also want to mention that the renovated facilities, including state-of-the-art electronics, provide great flexibility for newsroom, classroom, and conference use. We take full advantage.

I have known KosovaLive editor and founder Kelmend Hapciu for more than 15 years. Our collegial work and friendship began when he was an international fellow at the Kettering Foundation and I was overseeing the foundation's research on journalism and democracy. My career includes more than 25 years as reporter and senior editor at daily newspapers in the United States before joining the research institute for a few years, then taking a teaching position in the Journalism program at Miami University. I only mention this background to emphasize that I see KosovaLive from several perspectives. We chose to establish a summer program in Kosovo mainly because we knew that KosovaLive is a genuinely independent news agency and that our students would be in an environment of high professional standards and journalistic ethics.

I wholeheartedly recommend KosovaLive to you. If you have questions or I can provide further information, please don't hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

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