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Your Excellency/ Reverend Father,

I am writing to introduce Brian Willis, a parishioner of St. Mary's Cathedral in the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon and the Director of *MaterPax Global Maternal and Child Health Mission*.

The mission of MaterPax is to help families who are impacted by sexual exploitation and prostitution through quality maternal healthcare, housing, nutrition, mental healthcare, education, and economic empowerment, based on the Bible, Catholic social teaching, and Catholic doctrine.

For more than 20 years, Mr. Willis has been partnering with local organizations in our Archdiocese and in other countries to bring compassionate care to some of the most vulnerable and marginalized girls and mothers and their children. One of the most urgent needs is quality maternal healthcare for trafficked girls and women in prostitution. Without access to this care, many of these teens and women will die, which will result in the deaths of their newborns and their other children will be orphans.

To prevent these deaths, MaterPax is developing partnerships with Catholic hospitals to provide maternal healthcare to these girls and women. MaterPax also partners with Catholic organizations to develop a comprehensive plan to ensure entire families impacted by trafficking and prostitution have safe housing and nutritious food, the children are educated, and the mothers develop alternative sources of income.

MaterPax not only improves the health and well-being of the family, but also provides spiritual support and dignity.

I encourage you to welcome Mr. Willis and discuss partnering with MaterPax to protect the lives of these vulnerable teens and women, as well as their children.

If you have any questions regarding Brian and his ministry please feel free to contact Msgr. Gerard O'Connor, (goconnor@archdpdx.org) Rector of St. Mary's Cathedral, who will be more than happy to help you.

With prayers and best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alexander K. Sample', with a cross at the beginning.

Most Rev. Alexander K. Sample
Archbishop of Portland in Oregon