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To Whom It May Concern,

The Lighthouse Foundation is honored to provide this letter of support for the SAFE Center, a critical resource for the care and recovery of victims of sexual assault and human trafficking in our community.

As an organization dedicated to educating middle and high school students, as well as entire communities across Iowa, about the realities and prevention of human trafficking, we have seen firsthand the profound need for specialized, trauma-informed services like those provided by the SAFE Center. The SAFE Center's compassionate and professional approach to forensic examinations offers essential care to survivors of all ages, including those who have been trafficked. This support not only aids in the immediate physical and emotional recovery of victims but also plays a vital role in the pursuit of justice by preserving crucial evidence.

Furthermore, the SAFE Center's services align with the Lighthouse Foundation's mission to not only educate but also to provide resources for survivors as they rebuild their lives. By offering a safe and supportive environment for forensic exams, the SAFE Center helps to empower survivors, reaffirming their dignity and worth in the healing process. Their work ensures that victims receive the care they deserve while remaining a cornerstone of community collaboration against sexual violence and exploitation.

We firmly believe that the continued operation and expansion of the SAFE Center is essential for the well-being of trafficking victims and survivors throughout our state. We fully support the SAFE Center's efforts and look forward to continued collaboration in serving those affected by these traumatic experiences.

Sincerely,

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