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Letter of Support for Project FOCUS (OCAPICA)

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter to express my strongest possible support for OCAPICA's Project FOCUS. Our family has been participating in this wonderful program for the past five months, and it has become an indispensable lifeline for us during an incredibly challenging time.

Before finding Project FOCUS, we spent six exhausting months searching for an organization that could truly understand and support our family's unique situation. It was only when a social worker from CHOC (Children's Hospital of Orange County) referred us to them that we finally found a community that felt like home. As a specialized program dedicated to serving the Asian American community, Project FOCUS fills a critical gap in culturally sensitive care that is nearly impossible to find elsewhere.

Though they operate with humble resources, the dedication and heart they pour into their services are extraordinary. For the past five months, Project FOCUS has provided our family with invaluable weekly support:

- **Weekly Warm Meals:** This simple yet incredibly thoughtful service has relieved a massive daily burden for our family, allowing us to focus our energy on our child's well-being.
- **Weekly Mental Health Counseling:** Navigating a child's illness is emotionally taxing. The professional counseling sessions have provided us with the mental resilience and coping strategies we desperately needed.
- **Monthly Parent Gatherings:** These gatherings have allowed us to connect with other parents facing similar journeys, breaking our isolation and building a strong, empathetic peer support network.

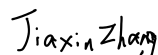
Project FOCUS may not have the fanciest facilities, but they have the biggest hearts and the most impactful services. They have given our family a sense of stability, hope, and community when we needed it most.

Losing Project FOCUS and its funding would be a devastating blow, not just to our family, but to many other vulnerable Asian American families who rely on their specialized, compassionate care. I urgently request that you continue to fund and support this vital program so they can keep their doors open for the families who need them.

Thank you for your time and for considering the profound impact this organization has on our community.

Sincerely,

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