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To whom it may concern:

I have known Maitri Yarnell for about ten years. This is mostly in the context of him being the principal translator at Rangjung Yeshe Gomde California. Over the years I have attended programs at Gomde California I have had the pleasure of seeing Maitri vastly improve as a translator. Over the years we have become friends. I know he is a very dedicated Dharma practitioner. He has a very strong urge to do retreats. This is born out by the fact that he has attended and translated at many 3-month retreats at Gomde Pyrenees.

When Maitri told me he was going to be participating in the next 3-year retreat at Gomde Pyrenees I was very happy. Not only would he be fulfilling a deeply held wish but he would also be able to assist the other retreatants by translating for the Retreat Master Lama Tenzin Sangpo and be able to clarify and give context to the teachings and instructions with his own knowledge. I am confident he will be incredibly helpful and useful during the entire 3-year retreat.

I therefore urge you to approve his application for funding his 3-year retreat.

Thank you very much.

All the Best,

Graham Sunstein