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To whom it may concern,

This is a recommendation in support of Ron Zambetti's application for a 3-year retreat grant from the Tsadra Foundation. I was very happy, when Ron told me that he wants to go for a 3-year retreat. Ron is an excellent, serious, and advanced Dharma practitioner, and a 3-year retreat would bring a lot of benefit not only for him specifically, but also for all beings in general. Ron has the stamina, devotion, and motivation to apply himself fully in a 3-year retreat and successfully undertake and complete it.

I have known Ron for several years, and we have been practicing Chakrasamvara deity practice together regularly. His practice is very strong, and the practices together with him feel particularly concentrated and beneficial. Depending on the length of the sadhana, some practice sessions can take up to 3 hours and Ron never shows any distraction or laxity during practice.

While his root teacher followed the Nyingma tradition, Ron is open to a Rime approach in practicing in other lineages as well, particularly the Kagyu tradition.

I am wholeheartedly recommending him for a Tsadra Foundation grant to allow him to participate in a 3-year retreat.

About myself:

- Student of Garchen Rinpoche since 1997
- Completed 100-day retreat in 2008
- Took Parma Rabjung vows from Khenchen Nyima Gyaltsen in 2018
- Participant in Khenchen Nyima Gyaltsen's Translation Program in Dehra Dun, India from 2013 to 2020
- Translator of "Manual of Ghantapa's Five Deity Chakrasamvara," a Drikung Kagyu commentary, published with the support of H.H. Drikung Kyabgon Chetsang Rinpoche
- Translator of "The Inexhaustible Source of Nectar, Collected Vital Points of Mountain Dharma" by Kyobpa Jigten Sumgon
- Main translator of: "The Sutra on What Mendicants Hold Most Dear" in "84,000, Translating the Words of the Buddha" project (completed and reviewed, but not published yet)

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