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John P. J. Dussich, Ph. D., President
Elder Abuse Services, Inc.
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Dear Dr. Dussich,

On behalf of the Clovis Senior Center, please accept this letter of support for the mission and work of Elder Abuse Service, Inc.

The City of Clovis operates the Clovis Senior Center; a facility that offers social, recreational, nutritional, and referral services and programs for seniors age 50+. The Clovis Senior Center is not a live-in or daycare facility, but a place for seniors to meet, recreate and socialize. Through our daily contact with many seniors in the community, we have seen a number of seniors who have been victimized by family or close friends.

While Clovis Police is outstanding in working with seniors and coordinating with Fresno County Adult Protective Services, their resources are limited and they have difficulty providing immediate housing and solutions for these seniors. Elder Abuse Services shelter is an ideal facility to provide these seniors a safe haven and assist them in facilitating their next steps for long term housing solutions.

Since seniors are often the victim of abuse by a family member, utilizing restorative justice allows all the parties involved to discuss the issue with a mediator and come to a viable long term solution in a constructive manner. While this model is innovative in elder abuse, it is imperative to maintaining positive relations and a life free of abuse for the senior.

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for your mission and work. Please contact me if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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