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To Whom It May Concern:

One of the missions of USA Track & Field, the National Governing Body for track & field, long distance running and race walking in the United States, is to assist athletes in improving their performances at major international competitions, including the World Championships and the Olympic Games.

Our experience with distance running has shown that while the America's scholastic and collegiate systems remain the traditional avenues for developing women and men distance runners, there also exists a strong need for alternative distance training and competition programs.

One such alternative program, the Eugene Health & Performance Foundation, under the direction of Dr. Richard Brown, is poised to have a tremendous impact on the improvement of women's distance running in the United States. We feel that the Foundation, with a Board of Directors having both experience in and a passion for distance running, will be able to contribute to the improvement of U.S. women's distance running.

The tenets upon which the Foundation are based are solid, and Dr. Brown has a wealth of experience in guiding and developing young women distance runners into highly successful international competitors. He has coached competitors in the past five Olympic Games, and was Mary Decker-Slaney's coach during the time she won 2 of the 10 medals captured by U.S. women distance runners throughout the history of the World Championships and Olympic Games.

USATF is optimistic that excellent results that will be produced through this approach, and we enthusiastically support the efforts of the Eugene Health & Performance Foundation.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C.A.M.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Craig A. Masback