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President and CEO

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To Whom it May Concern,

It gives me great pleasure to write in support of the Glimpse Foundation and its new Correspondents Program. I have been familiar with the work of Glimpse since 2002, when it was a student project at Brown University. We at National Geographic were so impressed with the passion, commitment and creativity demonstrated by the project leaders that we awarded them a small seed grant to help them continue the project after college.

In the five years since then, this start-up nonprofit has not only survived but blossomed, becoming a recognized and trusted name in the study abroad industry. Educators and students alike know they can turn to Glimpse for high quality, substantive content that offers meaningful cultural insights from one of the largest study abroad networks in the country.

It is imperative today that young adults be savvy about the geography and cultures of the world. Through its innovative programs, the Glimpse Foundation is inspiring study-abroad students to share their experiences of living and working. The challenge that now lies ahead is to reach out to a broader college sector and motivate more students to study abroad—or at the very least to actively broaden their understanding of the world. I believe that the Correspondents Program has the potential to do just that.

As evidenced by the multitude of articles on its website, Glimpse has leveraged the talents of hundreds of young writers and photographers, proving that when it comes to travel, college students care about far more than the best spring break destinations. By expanding into rich media and working closely with the country's most gifted young writers, photographers, audiographers and videographers, Glimpse will enhance the quality of its content, expand its breadth and attract the attention of students and educators beyond the existing study abroad sector.

I am fully convinced that the Glimpse team will execute this new program with the same ingenuity, dedication and aptitude that it has demonstrated over the past five years. The National Geographic Society fully supports its efforts to capture the imagination of our nation's young adults, and Glimpse is one of the most visionary initiatives we have seen to date. It is with great enthusiasm that I recommend the Glimpse Foundation and the Glimpse Correspondents Program.

Sincerely

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John M. Fahey, Jr.", written over the word "Sincerely".