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To Whom It May Concern,

I have known Ghulam Hasnain, the Executive Director of the Salt Lake American Muslim Association (also known as the Salt Lake American Muslim Salaam or "Salaam") since 2005. The association serves refugees, such as Afghan, Ahiska Turks, Iraqi, Iranian, and Somali refugees among others living in Salt Lake County who have completed their initial resettlement but require further assistance to acclimate to Utah. I have seen "Salaam" perform its services professionally, effectively, and ethically. Most importantly, the association helps refugees to live, stand on their own two feet, and to prosper.

I encourage your organization to assist Ghulam and his organization in whatever manner you can to help him and this agency continue to expand their worthy endeavors to assist refugees. As you know, refugees are among the most vulnerable members of our community who need to become empowered and self-sustaining as quickly as possible--it is in their best interest and in the best interest of the community at large.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Palmer DePaulis".

Palmer DePaulis
Executive Director