Alliance of Hope
for suicide loss survivors

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I am writing on behalf of the Alliance of Hope for Suicide Loss Survivors. We are a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting people impacted by suicide loss. Founded in 2008 by survivors for survivors, we offer resources to help individuals navigate the complex emotional aftermath of losing a loved one to suicide. Through this work, we have seen firsthand how isolating grief can be—and how rare it is for that experience, particularly the specific experience of losing a spouse, to be portrayed with honesty and care in film or media.

Grief is often misunderstood by those who haven't lived it, and widowhood carries its own particular weight—the loss of a partner, a witness to one's life, is often compounded by practical burdens like finances, single parenting, or navigating a couple-centric world alone. Films that treat this experience with nuance rather than sentimentality can serve an important public purpose: they help grieving people feel less alone, and they help others understand how to show up for someone who is grieving.

We believe a film like *Cleanup on Aisle 9* has the potential to reach audiences well beyond those already familiar with grief support resources, and to open conversations that are too often avoided.

We have great respect for the film's co-writer and producer, Kristina Haddad. Shortly after her husband passed away, she found the Alliance of Hope. Since then, she has shown both a deep commitment and a genuine talent for serving others—dedicating many hours to supporting community members as a steward on our online forum. For the past two years, she has also served as a co-facilitator for the Alliance's "Finding Your Way" program, which supports women who have lost partners or spouses to suicide.

Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions or if there is additional support we can offer.

Sincerely,

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