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To Whom It May Concern,

As someone who is deeply passionate about supporting young men's mental health, I believe that positive male role models play a crucial role in shaping the lives of students. Through The DUDE Project, I've seen firsthand how young men benefit from relatable, engaging programming that challenges stereotypes and fosters genuine connections.

That's why I'm proud to support The National Alliance for Father Friendly Schools and their mission to encourage schools and districts to actively involve fathers. When schools intentionally create spaces where fathers feel welcome and valued, the ripple effects are significant: improved behavior, increased attendance, and higher student achievement. This is something worth investing in.

I also appreciate The Alliance's commitment to ensuring that students who lack a present father figure still have access to mentorship and support. In my experience, fostering these connections can make a world of difference, helping young men feel supported and understood.

Joining The Alliance feels like a natural fit. I look forward to collaborating with other organizations to make schools more inclusive and supportive of fathers, mentors, and male role models. Together, we can make a lasting impact on students' lives.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or need further insight.

Thank you,

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