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To Whom it may Concern:

My name is Dena Baumgartner, Ph.D., TEP, LPC, LMFT, CGP. I am an American psychotherapist and I work in Tucson, Arizona, USA.

I am writing in support of my colleague, Dr. Galabina Tarashoeva.

I have been in private practice as a therapist and trainer for thirty years. I have worked with corporations and I have served on several boards. Additionally, I am a past president of the American Board of Examiners in Psychodrama, Sociometry, and Group Processes. I am also a lifetime achievement recipient in my field. I am currently serving my 7th year as an elected member of the International Association of Group Psychotherapy (IAGP). I state some of my credentials since you do not know me to say. I work with people, I assess people, and I would not be putting my name or word on behalf of someone if I did not believe in them as an ethical, responsible, and caring person.

I have had the pleasure of working with Dr. Tarashoeva on the IAGP board for the last six years. I have seen her stand up for fairness and with strong ethics. I have personally seen her work tirelessly on projects that are to benefit people internationally. I would gladly have Dr. Tarashoeva on any project and committee. She is not someone who is lazy or uncaring. I have also witness her wanting to generate new ideas for improving care for her patients; always asking for new information, and bringing in world colleagues to help in Bulgaria. I felt privileged to come to Sofia and see your country through Dr. Tarashoeva's compassionate eyes. She promotes her love of her country and care for her patients.

Since I am writing this on March 1st, I say "Happy Baba Marta!". I would not have known this without Dr. Tarashoeva bringing her pride of custom and country to us. I am amazed at what politically is happening to such an ethical and caring person. Now my eyes are starting to see a different country and it saddens me.

Sincerely yours,

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