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To: Selection Committee  
The United States Holocaust Memorial Council

It is my pleasure to endorse and recommend Marie W. Woolf to serve on The United States Holocaust Memorial Council. Ms. Woolf is uniquely qualified for this service because of her heart-felt compassion for Human Dignity and Human Rights, coupled with her life-long study and interest in all aspects of the holocaust experience and history. Further, she is a champion of strategic planning, collaboration and action. She is an analytic thinker and is highly intelligent. Her experience in the corporate and business world is broad and deep. Her leadership and management skills are legion. But most noteworthy of her many qualifications, is that she is a quality human being - loving and humble, yet firm and determined. She is a woman of strength and conviction.

I have known Ms. Woolf for many years in a professional and business capacity. Her media, marketing, design, writing, and project development skills have their footprints etched in the fabric of my organization. But the thing I value most about Ms. Woolf is her genuine concern and caring for the human service work that I am engaged in. Of all of her contributions on a professional level, and they are many and highly valued, her greatest contribution has been heart to heart. She has compassion for the youth and families that we serve. She has supported our cause to help young people and families to heal, to unite and to thrive. Her multiplicity of ideas to help us be the best that we can be will long be remembered and appreciated.

I also have an interest in Ms. Woolf's success and development. Because she has given much, I too must give. What I want to give her now is all my support in helping her to be selected for service with The United States Holocaust Memorial Council. I know that she will serve diligently, purposefully, and honorably. I know that she will make a difference.

If I could elevate my voice to be heard over the many voices that are likely making recommendations for other worthy candidates, I would shout the name of Marie W. Woolf just a little bit louder and would hope that it would resonate to your center and find place for your unanimous approval - not for my benefit, or even hers, but for the benefit of your council and those who will be impacted by its work and cause.

Without equivocation, I commend to you Marie W. Woolf.

Jerry Spanos