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FROM: USA Wrestling
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TO: U.S. Department of State
Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (Sports United Division)
2200 C St., NW
SA-5, Floor 4
Washington D.C. 20522-0503

SUBJECT: USA Wrestling For Peace Program

USA Wrestling has initiated a new program called 'USA Wrestling For Peace' (USAW4P). The primary purpose of the USAW4P program is to foster international relationships and strengthen cultural understandings through the sport of wrestling. Our organization has partnered with like-minded companies to convey our message that to wrestle is to struggle. The struggle our wrestlers face on the mat is symbolic of the struggle citizens around the globe, albeit poverty, victims of sexual assault, homelessness, drug addiction, etc. Everyone wrestles with something.

We've completed a home building project in Mexico with Hope Sports and have an ongoing project in Algeria in partnership with CitiHope International to bring millions of dollars of medical aid to those in need of vaccinations and other medical treatments. Similarly, one of our ambassadors has teamed with the Panzi Foundation in the Democratic Republic of Congo, which offers treatment to young girls and women who are victims of sexualized violence.

I fully support this outreach initiative of USA Wrestling, and as such, ask that the Department of State assist our organization in connecting with foreign governments, visa applications, and networking within the U.S. government. Attached you will find a two-page summary of the program which includes our mission and vision statements, as well as, the concept. If you have any questions regarding this initiative, please contact my Program Director, Mr. Steve Fraser at sfraser@usawrestling.org or 719.598.8181 ext. 633.

In the Olympic Spirit,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Bender', enclosed within a large, loopy oval scribble.

RICH BENDER
Executive Director
USA Wrestling

Attachment:
USA Wrestling for Peace (USAW4P) Brief

"WHERE OLYMPIC
JOURNEYS BEGIN"

