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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I respectfully submit my name for consideration for the position of National Coalition of Literacy Board Member.

I have been an active member in the field of adult literacy for over 20 years. My knowledge of the field spans multiple contexts and content. I have taught adult English as a second language classes as well as post baccalaureate courses. I lead and participate in national grant or evaluation projects demonstrating my ability to collaborate, think creatively, problem solve, and fulfill duties and responsibilities. I also conduct research, publish, and presented on a variety of topics including, adult literacy, immigrant integration, English as a second language, family literacy, student leadership, career pathways, and policy. These topics are not simply intellectual interests, they also represent my dedication to creating opportunities for adult learners to access, be supported, and succeed in pursuing their goals and desires. As the funding diminishes for adult basic education, there is a continued need for activism to draw attention to and advocate for adult literacy and learning. Serving on the board would allow me, and my representative organizations—The Goodling Institute for Research in Family Literacy and The Institute for the Study of Adult Literacy—to more fully join and support NCL's efforts.

Thank you for your consideration,

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