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To Whom It May Concern:

It's with pleasure that we write this letter of support for **Sher Vancouver LGBTQ Friends Society**, now seeking funding assistance for the creation of a new documentary tentatively titled *Emergence*.

Moving Images Distribution is proud to distribute over 1,000 innovative film and video works by Canadian independent artists to international audiences. Here you will find work concerned with social justice (both contemporary and historical issues); works that are culturally significant and provocative, often pushing the perimeters of the medium used to create it. We support filmmakers by linking their work with audiences to engage discussion, promote critical thought and, in so doing, enhance a public appreciation for the media arts.

As distributor of Sher Vancouver's first documentary film *My Name Was January*, we're delighted with the audience response to this work. In no time at all, it received critical acclaim—13 jury awards and 43 official selections at international film festivals. In partnership with educators in the community, Sher Vancouver LGBTQ Friends Society created a discussion guide to enhance use of this film in an educational setting; universities, colleges, and schools were quick to order it for their programs. When presented in screenings in the Lower Mainland, audience members were visibly moved and engaged in a lengthy discussion following its presentation.

We look forward to distributing Sher Vancouver's second film, tentatively titled *Emergence*. With its focus on the strengths and struggles of LGBTQ South Asians coming to terms with their sexuality and the reactions of their parents, *Emergence* will break the silence on a taboo topic of LGBTQ issues in the South Asian community. Many South Asian parents with LGBTQ children are isolated, with limited understanding and not connected with other parents of LGBTQ children. For them it's distressing to choose between loyalties to their children and teachings of what they may have "known" to be right or moral all their lives. *Emergence* will help fill this gap by shining a light on these struggles. Those parents who reveal their journey to acceptance of LGBTQ children will show a path for love and tolerance, a path both desirable and possible in a healthy society.

Moving Images is happy to support Sher Vancouver and the film's producer Alex Sangha to help *Emergence* reach its audience through our network of contacts and established relationships built since 1979. If you require any further details, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

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