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County Commissioner
District 7, Countywide

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in support of Renee Warmack and her recent production of the film *Because of Sam*. Ms. Warmack is an exemplary citizen in our community – a tireless public servant, a distinguished graduate of the University of South Florida and an advocate for vulnerable populations. In *Because of Sam*, Ms. Warmack highlights the story of a young man, Sam Piazza, who is a Tampa native and a wonderful man with Down syndrome. The film showcases his life and how he overcomes bullying to excel in athletics, ROTC and leadership roles. To this day he continues to work hard and impress his coworkers and managers at his place of work, PDQ. Sam has a positive impact on his surroundings and should be admired; Ms. Warmack's film lends us this opportunity.

Ms. Warmack's work is incredibly important and deserving of national praise. She reminds us about the beauty in diversity and how communities can empower people with disabilities and their families. She has a history of advocating for the minority; her debut film, *Ten at the Top in Tampa Bay*, features female government leaders in the Tampa Bay area as a way to celebrate and encourage a more inclusive government. I find her work to be inspiring and look forward to her future productions. With that, I would like to reaffirm my support for Ms. Warmack's work and offer any assistance she may need as she continues her efforts to promote equitable and inclusive communities.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact my office at (813) 272- 5735.

Thank you.

Sincerely,