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To whom it may concern,

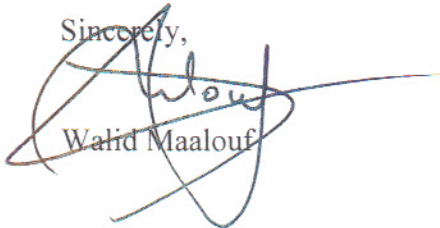
I have known the **World Lebanese Cultural Union (WLCU)** for many years. Their mandate is to provide both humanitarian and cultural assistance to the Lebanese people at home and in the Diasporas.

My office organized the Lebanese American Renaissance Partnership trip to Lebanon in November 2006 to help lift up the spirit of the Lebanese people after the last July war. The WLCU was a major participant in this initiative.

The WLCU is well established and have a large membership within the Lebanese American communities. In my outreach activities to the Middle Eastern American communities, I have found them to have many chapters throughout the United States of America.

If you have any further question, you can reach me at (202) 712-5161.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Walid Maalouf", is written over a printed name. The signature is stylized and somewhat abstract, with a large loop at the end. The printed name "Walid Maalouf" is in a simple, black, sans-serif font and is partially obscured by the ink of the signature.