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To Whom it May Concern:

The undersigned currently serves as the Director of the Florida Space Grant Consortium (FSGC). The Florida Space Grant Consortium is a voluntary association of fourteen public and private Florida Universities and colleges, Florida's community colleges, the Astronaut Memorial Foundation, Florida Space Authority, Higher Education Consortium for Science and Mathematics, Orlando Science Center, and Kennedy Space Center. FSGC supports the expansion and diversification of Florida's space industry, through providing grants, scholarships, and fellowships to students and educators from Florida's public and private institutes of higher education.

I first met TEKNA-THEOS Inc., and their founder, Kevin Simmons in 2002. Since then this nonprofit corporation composed of high school students has been quite active in developing a legitimate research and education company. As of December 2004, Mr. Simmons' organization has received two grants from the FSGC worth approximately \$35,000. In 2003 TEKNA-THEOS Inc. became the first high school organization to receive a research grant from the FSGC.

This past spring and summer Mr. Simmons and the company students traveled to Marshall Space Flight Center where they coordinated with their contractor the construction of a working prototype bioreactor. These students are quite purposed to be the first high school organization to develop, build, and fly a bioreactor in space. They have received significant funding from a private estate, and continue to apply for other funding to continue their work. Their organization has also created an alliance with a local private college.

I wholeheartedly endorse TEKNA-THEOS Inc. Any organization or individual that invests in TEKNA-THEOS Inc. will be assisting in the development of future scientists, doctors, and engineers. Please contact me should you have any further questions concerning Mr. Simmons or TEKNA-THEOS Inc.

Sincerely,

Jaydeep Mukherjee

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