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To Whom it May Concern:

I am the Chief Executive Officer of the Marin Community Clinics. Our mission is to improve the health of our patients and community by providing high quality, cost-effective, culturally sensitive, patient-centered health care to uninsured and low-income residents of Marin County. We have been serving Marin County residents for 43 years.

I am thrilled to write a letter of support for the Ipso School in their efforts to become another institution to serve the needs of the underserved in Marin County. I have met with the founding leaders, and gladly connected them with Ruth Rivera, the director of one of our largest clinics, who subsequently became a member of the Ipso Board of Directors.

We see opportunities for Ipso students to work with Marin Community Clinics in two significant ways. First, we see that healthcare problems we see in Marin can help Ipso teachers provide context for their problem-based learning projects, and second, we see opportunities for students to learn from and contribute to our organizations through internships. Educational discrepancies and health discrepancies are often intertwined. As Ipso becomes more established, we look forward to finding ways to address education and health care disparities together through more integrated supports for students and families.

I strongly encourage the approval of the Ipso School's charter petition. I believe that the Ipso School represents an alternative educational opportunity that will directly address educational disparities we see in Marin County by giving each student the individual supports needed to thrive, as well as connecting the students with their community in a more meaningful way. We look forward to a strong alliance to better address the inequities we have in Marin County.

Sincerely,

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