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Wenqiu Wang
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Dear Ms. Wang:

I am writing to recognize and acknowledge your outstanding work with the Confucius Institute Education Center since your arrival in Seattle in 2014. You are an example of what one dedicated, passionate person can do to by embracing a cause and advancing it for the benefit of others.

Through your work with the Confucius Institute of the State of Washington, the Chinese programs in our K-12 classrooms have expanded from the Seattle School District to six others, serving around 3,000 students who are interested in studying the Chinese language. Just last month you organized the "Travel China in Half a Day" event for Skyline High School in Issaquah, drawing more than 1,000 participants.

Furthermore, you have taken the lead on many other events, including community performances and festivals, along with a visit to China by the superintendent of Seattle Public Schools. Your work has also led to important collaborations with other non-profit organizations and the awarding of scholarships on behalf of the Confucius Institute.

Ms. Wang, we appreciate all that you do and all of the contributions that you make to raise awareness and share the Chinese culture with students and all Washingtonians. It is this kind of work that helps us bridge gaps in our state and better understand the different cultures that provide us with great diversity and quality of life.

Sincerely,

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