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Dear Campus Sustainability Fund (CSF) and Resilience Lab:

We are thrilled to write this letter in support of the Resilience & Compassion Seed Grant application, "Amplifying Voices: Digital Storytelling for Asian and Pacific Islander Students Working for Social Justice." The project aims to build community, facilitate dialogue, and raise awareness of the diverse experiences and perspectives of Asian and Pacific Islander (API) social work students. The proposal is an innovative and collaborative effort among API faculty members and students at the UW School of Social Work and addresses an important social justice issue that will have a positive impact on the compassion and resiliency of the UW community and beyond.

The application has full support from the UW School of Social Work. We are supportive of the proposed work of faculty and students and the project's clear vision for implementation. Faculty members, Dr. Jane Lee and Jennifer Brower, will support coordination of the digital storytelling workshops and screenings in service of the project. API students who are members of the Social Work Asian and Pacific Islanders (SWAPI) affinity group will participate in the workshops facilitated by the UW Libraries program. We anticipate that many students and faculty at the UW will be interested in this project and will attend the screenings. The project team will have access to meeting spaces in the SSW along with other resources, such as tech support, that are available to faculty and students.

In summary, we are eager to hear the stories of our API social work students and are excited about the project's potential impact. We anticipate that it will contribute to new and continued efforts for community building and greater understanding of API communities.

Sincerely,



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