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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of the High Road School of Philadelphia. For the past several years, we have hosted its students at our hospital as part of the Cradle to Grave program. Cradle to Grave is a hospital-based violence prevention initiative that brings young people into the clinical areas of Philadelphia's busiest trauma center to educate them about the medical realities of firearm injury. Collaborating with the High Road School has been of particular importance for us, as they are situated in our health system's service area. It is one reason we are so appreciative of the staff's commitment to protecting their students from harm. Over the years, we have worked closely with Henry Demby, the school's Transition and Testing Coordinator and Senior Advisor. During the first two years of the pandemic, the hospital was closed to outside visitors. Unfortunately, this shutdown coincided with an unprecedented spike in violence in the city. Undeterred, Mr. Demby worked with hospital staff to bring a version of the presentation to the school so that students would still be able to receive the initiative's anti-violence messaging.

Fittingly, the High Road School was the first group to participate in the Cradle to Grave program when it resumed in-person presentations this week. As usual, the dedication of the staff was evident. They deftly assisted students in addressing difficult subjects and complicated feelings. We are grateful for this ongoing partnership and look forward to working with the High Road School of Philadelphia in the future.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott P. Charles".

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