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To Whom It May Concern:

After a comprehensive review of the Kenya episode of Elizabeth Stanton's *GREAT BIG WORLD* and the accompanying educational packet (which includes lesson plans, show descriptions, a teaching guide, and educational components), I can recommend this program as educational and informative for children 13-16 years of age, while also entertaining the entire family. The production is a quality program which will appeal to young teens by focusing on global, social, educational, and wellness issues.

Elizabeth Stanton's *GREAT BIG WORLD* complies with the FCC Children's Television Rules as it presents audiences with in-depth and thoughtful interviews involving Elizabeth's travel buddies and friends they meet along the way. Elizabeth and friends volunteer in areas of special need, from feeding the hungry in the slums of Kenya to helping Vietnamese children with hearing impairments by fitting them with hearing aids. This selfless behavior is a touching lesson for viewers that highlights social consciousness as well as the challenges faced by others around the world.

This state-of-the-art program consists of educational topics which include geography, social dynamics, international cultures, customs, arts and entertainment, coordinated with insightful remarks. As a professional educator with experience teaching students of this age group, I believe that Elizabeth Stanton's *GREAT BIG WORLD* most assuredly qualifies as both educational and informational for teenagers 13 to 16 years of age.

Sincerely,

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Patricia J. Peterson Bio

Dr. Patricia Peterson is a Professor of Special Education and Bilingual/Multicultural Education in the College of Education at Northern Arizona University. Her focus is on research and personnel preparation of special educators and elementary education teachers who can effectively serve culturally and linguistically diverse students with disabilities.

She received her Ph.D. in Special Education with a minor in Bilingual/Bicultural Education from the University of Florida. Her Masters Degree is from Rockford College in Rockford, Illinois in Learning Disabilities. Her Bachelors of Arts Degree is also from Rockford College with a dual major in Child Development and Spanish. She has been working in the field of bilingual special education for the past 35 years. Dr. Peterson is bilingual in Spanish and English and has worked as an English as a Second Language teacher in Madrid, Spain. In her public school teaching in the U.S., she has worked as both a bilingual teacher (Kindergarten to 5th grade), and bilingual special education teacher (Kindergarten to 8th grade) in Illinois school districts where she taught primarily Hispanic children.

Dr. Peterson has also worked as a Program Coordinator in Bilingual Special Education at Bilingual Resource Centers and National Origin Desegregation Assistance Centers. She has coordinated and directed bilingual special education teacher training projects and has provided technical assistance and training in this field to school districts and

State Education Agencies in 25 states. Dr. Peterson has also been actively working on national and regional efforts to improve services for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Exceptional (CLDE) students through the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) and the National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE). She co-chaired the first CEC National Conference on The Bilingual Exceptional Child in New Orleans, Louisiana. She also organized and directed the Institute on Non-biased Assessment at the National NABE Conference in Chicago. For the past 19 years at Northern Arizona University, she has developed and implemented teacher preparation programs and doctoral programs with a focus on the education of CLDE students in Arizona and Southwest.

Dr. Peterson has been the Director of ten federally funded rural personnel preparation programs at the bachelors, masters, and doctoral levels in special education and elementary education on the Navajo Reservation and in the southwestern United States. She presents at many national and international conferences and publishes in professional journals primarily on the topic of educational methods and materials for culturally and linguistically diverse elementary education and special education students.