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Terry Tamminen, President  
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Dear Mr. Tamminen:

On behalf of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), I want to personally thank you for the critical role that you and Seventh Generation Advisors (7GA) played in the successful rehoming of 40 chimpanzees from the Wildlife Waystation. You, Kristine Haddad, and the 7GA staff did something incredible.

When the Wildlife Waystation was shuttered in August of 2019, the state was able to rehome most of the 481 animals that called the Waystation home. However, due to a lack of accredited and appropriate sanctuaries for chimpanzees at that time, CDFW, along with 7GA and the North American Primary Sanctuary Alliance, developed a new approach and raised over \$4.3 million dollars to fund the construction of new facilities at existing accredited sanctuaries. As you know, chimpanzees have personalities, emotions, families, and relationships, just like us, and we had to embark on a mission to ensure that families remained intact, and that their future homes were safe, as well as a place of joy for them.

The 7GA took a chance that others wouldn't, and you remained steadfast in your support. Early in the rehoming process, we requested assistance from many non-profit organizations to hold and distribute funds raised for this effort. At that time, this project had a high risk of failure, high media interest, as well as many uncertainties, so every organization we approached rejected our request, except 7GA. Furthermore, 7GA conducted this work pro bono, saving our campaign necessary funding that benefited the animals directly. My appreciation is so deep for this exemplary support and ability to think through complexities to get something important done.

Thank you for reaching out to your network and finding solutions where many would not. This has turned out to be a remarkable project. I recognize the vital role 7GA played in rehoming all the chimpanzees that were in dire need and deserved a new beginning.

As you are aware, the rehoming effort was a complete success. All 40 chimps are now living in outstanding sanctuaries, where they can thrive. Every piece of this

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project had to come together for that success to be realized, and because of your selfless actions, 7GA made that possible. We truly don't know what we would have done without your critical help and expertise.

Please accept these framed pictures of Sha Sha and one of the Wildlife Waystation groups at their new home at the Center for Great Apes in Florida. You and 7GA made better lives for these extraordinary animals. Now they get to feel the grass beneath their feet, swing from trees, and choose how they spend their retirement. Thank you for your courageous generosity in taking on this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. H. Bonham", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Charlton H. Bonham  
Director