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To Whom it May Concern

Re: 12 Step of New England

Phil Malonson has provided beds for both males and females in his sober houses in Woburn for over 10 years. In the 36 years that I have been Chief Probation Officer of this court, Mr. Malonson has been the most valuable resource which we have used in probation. I know Phil and his managers and most of his residents on a personal basis. They are outstanding residents and members of this community and the neighborhoods in which they are located.

In a recent newspaper article, I was asked for my opinion about 12 Step and I answered, "Thank God for Phil Malonson." Communities who benefit from his services feel the same way.

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