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Susan Mueller Director, Higher Education and Projects Stand Alone Charity www.standalone.org.uk www.thestandalonepledge.org.uk

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Dear Ms Mueller,

Re: Legacy Pledge

I am writing on behalf of the University of Portsmouth to reaffirm our commitment to providing the highest level of support for our current and future students who are estranged from their parents.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the work Stand Alone has carried out to raise the profile of this vulnerable group of students. We have been enthusiastic supporters of your work over the last decade including naming one of our bursaries after your charity (the University of Portsmouth Stand Alone Bursary). Whilst I was sad to hear that the charity is closing, I hope you and your team will take enormous pride in making such an amazing contribution to the progress made in this area around the whole of the UK in the higher education sector.

I am pleased to confirm that the University of Portsmouth is making the Legacy Pledge to continue to support and advocate for our estranged students.

Yours sincerely

Chris Chang

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