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To Whom It May Concern,


I am pleased to write in support of James Weeks' efforts to document through film some of the indigenous sacred and healing traditions of African cultures. It is a subject matter that is known to few and as it is an important link to how humans have dealt with health and healing throughout the centuries, it can only add to what the scientific and historical community knows about the experience of people on this planet.

I know James Weeks as a descriptive and detailed writer who helps his readers experience the essence of his subject matter. He is both honest and respectful in his approach to whatever he shares with his audience. Likewise, his photos transport viewers to time and place.

James Weeks has lent his representational and interpretive skills to the culture and history of his homeland, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the district which I represent in the Congress. I expect that he will bring this same level of sensitivity as he explores cultural traditions on the African continent.

As a doctor and as a student of history, I am interested in learning about any new perspectives that this documentary will share with the world.

Sincerely,


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Member of Congress