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To Whom It May Concern,

This letter of recommendation is on behalf of Mr. Rynell Morgan and Mr. Ernest Radcliffe of Radcliffe's Youth Sports Organization (RYSO). These gentleman are extraordinary individuals that have transformed the lives of numerous young people through sports and teaching life skills. I have known both of them for over two decades and can attest to the difference that they have made in the community. They are extraordinary leaders, role models and advocates for youth.

I met Coach Radcliffe and Coach Morgan at the South Side YMCA when my children were participants in the Youth Basketball Association (YBA) program. They filled many roles in the program in addition to being coaches. I remember that they were highly respected and that parents wanted their kids to be on their teams. They were demanding but fair and all of their players improved by the end of the season. As a volunteer in the program years later, I got to know them as people and see the affect that they had on players both on their teams and in general. For them it was truly "about the kids".

I was not surprised at the recent notoriety that Coach Morgan and Coach Radcliffe received from former president Obama. It was well earned and about time that these servant leaders received recognition! They have a powerful athletic program that provides participants with valuable life skills. They are both role models and sometime surrogate fathers to young men who lack positive males in their lives. They are advocates for youth constantly reminding the community of the power of organized sports as an alternative to leaving our young people to the streets. I believe that they are selfless because of all the work and time that it takes to run a program especially over multiple decades.

I hope that your organization chooses to support Coach Radcliffe and Coach Morgan. The work they do is important to the community and needed during these challenging times. They are positive men of integrity that walk the talk. I fully support RYSO and both of these extraordinary coaches! If I can provide any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

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