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Letter of support for the America House Berlin

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Dear Mr. Donfried,

When I think of the America House in Berlin, I think of an institution which despite some hardships in the last few years has continuously pursued a goal which is more important and more necessary than ever before. As a beneficiary of the America House in Hamburg, I know what a great impact such institutions can have. My interest in the USA would probably not have been generated so strongly, nor is it very likely that would I have moved to the United States in the first place, had it not been for the America House.

The America House is a meeting point of cultures which offers a helpful voice in communicating between them. Offering a wide vari-

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ety of activities and events it supports exchange of our ideas and strengthens our common values.

It is thus my firm belief that institutions like the America House in Berlin are vital for solving transatlantic, possibly even global issues and should consequently be supported to the fullest of our abilities and capacities. Getting the dialogue started is always difficult but sustaining it is even more difficult and important.

Claus Gramckow
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