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To whom it may concern:

My name is Samantha Bodine and I have been a resident of Orillia, Ontario for over 26 years. I have known Sondra since high school and have known Belisario Valdez for almost 3 years now. I have been close friends with Sondra since 9th grade in Orillia. I first met Belisario when he visited Sondra in September 2017 after they met in Varadero, Cuba the previous winter.

Sondra has visited Belisario frequently, and on the two occasions he came to Canada (September 2017 and May 2018) to visit Sondra. I spent some enjoyable time together with them as we visited Wasaga Beach. We had dinner with them a couple of times with my husband and we thoroughly enjoyed his visits. We were surprised at how well Belisario spoke English!

Their wedding in Cuba on the 14th of October in 2018 is something I'll always remember. Sondra's mother was there as well as her brother and his wife and me and my husband attended the wedding in Varadero as well. Belisario's family was there of course, along with many of his friends. While it was a civil wedding, (at what they call the Registro Civil) the reception afterwards was so much fun! It was near the beach and the food and music were wonderful! And it was so beautiful to see Sondra and Belisario and how much they love and respect each other.

I honestly feel that they are in a caring and solid marriage. They are devoted to each other, and Sondra has nothing but the best to say about Belisario. As long as I have known them, they really seem committed and dedicated to each other and I think they have a happy marriage.

I fully support the couple's efforts to secure permanent residence for Belisario in Waterloo, Ontario where Sondra now lives. If you need more details, please contact me at Samantha.Bodine1982@rogers.com.

Sincerely,

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