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To REST Supporters and Partners:

By now you have heard about Amanda's intention to transition out of the Executive Director role and onto the Board. As you process and consider this news, we wanted to entrust you with two thoughts from our perspective.

First, we certainly join the entire REST team in our sadness at the ending of Amanda's tenure. Her faithfulness to her calling, her ability to cast a vision for REST, her ability to inspire others around her, and her willingness to do whatever has needed to be done in order to help REST succeed are only some of the reasons why we all admire her. We are, at a very real level, in awe of both Amanda as a person and at what REST has accomplished under her leadership. For all of us who are a part of the REST team, these sentiments require very little explanation.

Second, we also want to make sure that we communicate our excitement at what will certainly be a new age of growth and maturity for REST. We are inspired by the possibilities for impact that Amanda can have from a position on the board, as her talents for identifying opportunities, her effectiveness in helping to establish strategies, and her nationwide network of relationships in the anti-trafficking field will continue to be critical assets for REST as we move forward. Further, we are also confident in our ability to identify and recruit a new leader that will carry REST powerfully into the future. Together, we have built an organization whose reputation precedes itself throughout the country, one that will command the attention of candidates with amazing qualifications and capabilities. As a board, we take our responsibility for carefully and successfully executing our upcoming search with the seriousness that all of our stakeholders deserve and have a right to expect.

Please join us celebrating Amanda today, and looking toward REST's tomorrow as we move forward. We could not be more excited about this opportunity to accelerate our organization into the future.

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