July 6, 2009

Dear Ms. Cullenburg,

Ever since 2003, Quentin Fong has lent his considerable expertise to help our immigrant population. His participation in an exploration of the value of a business incubator for Kodiak led to our acquaintance with Dr. Fong and to his ongoing assistance with a number of important projects in pro of our immigrant population.

Dr. Fong’s invaluable assistance with our immigrant women’s food booth project led to their learning better procedures in food handling, food preparation, cost analysis and pricing. As a direct result of Dr. Fong’s careful guidance, the women’s booth succeeded in delivering their best product and securing their best saving on costs during the 2005 Kodiak Crab Festival. In doing this, Dr. Fong created a significant difference in our immigrant women’s perception of their own potential for financial success and boosted their enthusiasm for obtaining a good product.

Dr. Fong has also organized several excellent trainings for our women’s groups, arranging presenters from the University at Fairbanks and then, generously following up with individuals who desire more in-depth help.

His approach in teaching is most respectful. He has introduced our women to many assets and facilitated bringing these assets to bear. His most recent technical contributions have supported the creation of a new business by a Salvadoran woman and her family. Since April, the business is successful and Dr. Fong continues to mentor the owners.

Dr. Fong’s initiative and assistance have been an invaluable help to our immigrant women. I highly recommend him to your favorable consideration.

Respectfully,

Sister Barbara Harrington, gnsn Coordinator, Marian Center