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To Whom It May Concern:

This fall I had the pleasure of having Mr. Michael Despines give a presentation entitled, "The American Dream, The World's Nightmare." Mr. Despines gave his presentation multiple times in both a large and small groups setting and was received well by students and faculty in both situations. During the day he was here he presented his information to a mixture of biology, environmental, physics, and chemistry students. The materials and visuals used in his presentation were very professional and he was also kind enough to provide us with a copy of the references used in his research.

Beyond Mr. Despines' ability to present this information and interact with the students, he answered their questions and discussed ideas with them in detail. The message and content of his presentation was a very significant, relevant, and important one for our students to hear. As an environmental teacher I have made reference on numerous occasions to his presentation. Much of what was discussed during his visit can and should be related to the major environmental issues that face us today. Mr. Despines really made it clear to the students the affect that their everyday decisions can have on our environment and on others around the world. I have also noticed that students are becoming more accepting of the possibility that one person's actions can and do have an affect on our environment, and that they can control that affect by making more conscience decisions. I think this enlightenment is due in a large part to the seed that Mr. Despines planted during his visit.

Mr. Despines is obviously a well-traveled and motivated person. The experiences he brings from his time in Africa helping refugees and the exhaustive research he has completed make him an excellent advocate for the environment. It is my hope to have him back to speak with my future environmental classes. Giving Mr. Despines the opportunity to speak with your students is not only something I would recommend, but also encourage.

Thank you,

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