



Embassy of the United States of America

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

In 2004 and 2005, Mr. Craig Bowman visited Serbia under the Department of State U.S. Speaker Program in order to conduct workshops at the International Summer School "Stop AIDS" organized by the Yugoslav Youth Association against AIDS (JAZAS). The U.S. Speaker Program is a high-profile program of the U.S. Government which brings American experts into the countries around the world, enhancing mutual understanding and contributing to the development of democratic institutions.

Mr. Bowman designed and delivered a series of workshops on advocacy, lobbying, fundraising, youth participation, public speaking, volunteer management and peer education techniques. The workshop participants, who came from different parts of the Balkans, evaluated Mr. Bowman as an "excellent, very inspirational, and effective" presenter, and praised his way of teaching and conducting workshops which enabled them to proactively participate in the workshops.

Mr. Bowman also spent a week at the JAZAS headquarters in Belgrade, providing very good advice and fresh ideas regarding JAZAS programs with special emphases on the new approaches to raising funds and managing resources. The Embassy strongly believes that Mr. Bowman's experience and skills contributed greatly to the quality of the summer school and JAZAS work, and would gladly support Mr. Bowman's return to Serbia in the future.

Should you have any further inquiries, please feel free to contact me at putrej@state.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jelena Putre".

Jelena Putre
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