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Dear Members of the IFNA Awards Committee,

With great enthusiasm, I am writing this letter of support in nominating Dr. Norma K. Krumwiede for the IFNA Excellence in Family Nursing Award. Dr. Krumwiede's contributions to family nursing go far beyond advocacy. She has actively implemented family nursing principles, shaping education, mentoring new leaders, and fostering international collaboration. She is not only a champion of family nursing in theory but has dedicated her career to ensuring it is practiced in meaningful and lasting ways.

Dr. Krumwiede's impact on nursing education has been substantial. At Minnesota State University, Mankato, for the last 20 years, family nursing has ensured that it is not just an abstract concept but a core part of how students are trained and how healthcare is delivered. Through her leadership in curriculum development, she has integrated family nursing principles into undergraduate and graduate programs, helping students understand the essential role families play in health and healing. Her work with the Glen Taylor Nursing Institute for Family and Society is a testament to her dedication, as she helped shape its foundation and continues to serve as an active voice in advancing its mission.

One of her greatest strengths is mentorship. Dr. Krumwiede has guided countless students, faculty, and practitioners, helping them integrate family nursing into their teaching, research, and clinical practice. She fosters confidence in others, encourages innovative ideas, and ensures family nursing remains at the forefront of nursing education and practice. She has also played a key role in international collaborations, helping faculty and students from different parts of the world come together to learn from one another and implement family nursing in diverse cultural contexts.

Her contributions extend beyond the classroom. She has led research teams, secured grants focused on family-centered care, and developed innovative teaching strategies that bring family nursing to life for students. Her work with Heritage University, where she helped develop a family-focused undergraduate curriculum tailored to the needs of the Yakama Nation, is just one example of her ability to make family nursing relevant and impactful in different communities.

A true global leader in the field, Dr. Krumwiede has been deeply involved in IFNA, contributing to position statements, serving on committees, and mentoring members. Her dedication to advancing family nursing internationally is evident in the relationships she has built and the ongoing projects she has supported to expand family-focused care worldwide.

Dr. Krumwiede is not only an advocate for family nursing, but she is also someone who makes it happen. Her influence is felt through the students she has taught, the colleagues she has mentored, and the international collaborations she has fostered. Her work has shaped the field in ways that will continue to impact family nursing in the future.

With great respect, I support this nomination, knowing that Dr. Krumwiede's contributions have been invaluable to advancing family nursing. I appreciate your consideration of this nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hans-Peter de Ruiter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Hans-Peter" and last name "de Ruiter" clearly distinguishable.

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