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Dear Linda,

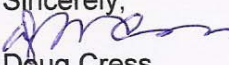
On behalf of the Pan African Sanctuary Alliance (PASA) and its member organizations across Africa, I am writing in support of the International Primate Protection League's grant application for the Last Great Ape Organization (LAGA).

I have worked extensively with LAGA and its director, Ofir Drori, on several great ape conservation, welfare and law enforcement issues over the past three years, and it is clear that, despite its size, LAGA is one of the most effective organizations in Africa. Mr. Drori understands Africa and its legal system intimately, but more important, he understands how to motivate Africans to both enforce and obey those laws.

PASA has partnered with LAGA in the campaign to get the Taiping Four gorillas repatriated from South Africa, in the prosecution of chimpanzee traders in Central Africa, in the monitoring of an ad-hoc island sanctuary for chimpanzees in Cameroon, and in the formation and launch of the CITES Great Ape Task Force. In each case, Mr. Drori and LAGA formed a vital part of the equation, supplying the contacts and leverage to either keep each negotiation alive or reach the final solution.

But nothing compares to LAGA's ability to successfully motivate Cameroon's law enforcement agencies to uphold their own wildlife laws. Whether it be primate confiscations or courtroom convictions, LAGA has built success upon success in recent years, and serves as a model for law enforcement NGOs throughout Africa.

I encourage the Arcus Foundation to support LAGA and Mr. Drori's work.

Sincerely,

Doug Cress
Secretariat

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