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Dear Uli,

I wanted to take a moment to thank you and the entire Maybach Foundation for your continued support of the Global Health Scholars Program at the Harvard Initiative for Global Health. Maybach Foundation support through the Africa Health Sciences Program for Dr. Conrad Muzoora has been instrumental in our ability to move from a proof-of-concept to full-fledged award program. We now support a diverse set of professional training and mentorship initiatives for U.S. and international clinical researchers.

The program continues to garner interest from the Harvard community and our second year promises to be as productive as the first. We have solicited applications for a new Global Health Scholar position at Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and expect our third Scholar to join the Program in early 2010. We continue to field compelling requests for additional Scholars in other Harvard-affiliated sites like Botswana and South Africa. We are also very excited by prospects for expanding into China and have partnered with the Harvard Asia Center, China Medical Board, Harvard China Fund and affiliated universities within China to develop a new China-Harvard Bilateral Exchange Program to offer training and research opportunities to undergraduates, graduate students and junior faculty from Harvard and China.

We remain, as always, grateful to the Maybach Foundation for support of the Global Health Scholars Program and we look forward to continuing our productive collaboration. Although great progress has been made thanks to your visionary leadership, we can still, and will, do more. With your expanded support, we hope to target other international training and research programs at Harvard and create a sustainable, critical mass of talented health science leaders. I look forward to discussing our growing partnership with you and your team.

Sincerely yours,



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