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It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of support for Denis Belliveau and “Return to Venice LLC.”

I have viewed the PBS program “In the Footsteps of Marco Polo” in its original full-length version and also in a shorter format with a live audience. As an arts educator and a veteran School Board member, I have had many opportunities to enjoy Arts-In- Education presentations and this program is one of the best I’ve ever seen.

I recently watched the film again on PBS and got even more out of it. The journey is so relevant today, from Afghanistan to Iran to the Uighurs and China relations. There is great educational value in this first-hand account of landscapes and people little-known to Americans. It is a great lesson in history as well as a beautiful photographic journey.

I strongly recommend Denis as a presenter in schools, libraries, corporate and civic settings.

Yours Very Truly,

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