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I am honoured to offer my unequivocal endorsement of Taddy Blecher, a distinguished leader and visionary in the realm of education. Taddy's unwavering commitment to youth education of the highest standard has been the cornerstone of his career, a career he has devoted to creating sustainable and impactful change in the educational landscape for many years.

Taddy's deep understanding of the educational system at the grassroots level—referred to as "Consciousness-Based Education (CBE)"—combined with his proficiency in the latest trends in education and technology, sets him apart as a forward-thinking leader. His dedication is further evidenced by his decision to forgo lucrative career opportunities to focus on his passion for education.

Under Taddy's leadership, his team of colleagues and collaborators exemplify competence, vision, and focus. His ability to communicate effectively and engage with all aspects of the organisation—ranging from education and legal matters to community relations and student well-being—demonstrates his holistic approach. Taddy's interest in addressing education gaps and affordability issues ensures that education remains accessible to all.

Taddy's meticulous attention to finance, record-keeping, and viability highlights his commitment to transparency and accountability. His governance practices, along with strict adherence to legal compliance, underscore the integrity of his initiatives. His foresight in exploring new areas of development, such as cyber, finance, insurance, sports, and nature, ensures that his educational programs remain relevant and innovative.

In his role as the co-founder of the Maharishi Institute, Taddy has shown exemplary leadership in areas such as sustainable institutional development, maintaining brand reputation, and establishing robust relationships with a wide range of stakeholders. His strategic vision and high standards have significantly contributed to the Institute's success. Taddy's inclusive approach encourages contributions from both teachers and students, fostering a collaborative and dynamic learning environment.

Taddy's dedication to perpetuity is reflected in his proactive management of risks, protection of assets, and involvement with international bodies and personalities. His awareness of competition and engagement with communities further strengthen the institute's standing and impact.

For the more than 24,000 students whose lives he has changed, Taddy ensures rigorous qualifying criteria for acceptance, promotes active involvement, and fosters a sense of responsibility through payback initiatives. His focus on student behaviour, employment opportunities, and the development of life skills prepares students for successful futures.

Taddy's commitment to educators is evident in his emphasis on qualifications, competence, more than 30 awards and accolades, and continuous evaluation and evolution of every organisation he has founded. This commitment ensures that the educational experience remains of the highest quality.

Looking to the future, Taddy's vision remains steadfastly focused on viability, relevance, and addressing global educational needs. His strategic focus on critical governance and his engagement with supporters through regular report-backs, listening sessions, and open days ensure a transparent and inclusive approach.

In summary, Taddy Blecher's remarkable dedication to high-standard education, his innovative and sustainable practices, and his inclusive and holistic approach make him a true leader and champion for educational advancement. It is with great enthusiasm and confidence that I endorse Taddy Blecher, knowing that his contributions will continue to transform education and society for the better.

Geoff Rothschild is a patron of Education Africa, and chairs the Governance Committee at the Maharishi Invincibility Institute. He has extensive experience in finance, strategy, marketing, and continues to serve as a consultant to several international companies. He is the former Chairman of JSE, Africa's largest stock exchange, was involved with the JSE for over 50 years, and served as a patron of the Nelson Mandela Children's Hospital.