



May 6, 2014

Project Title: *Mule: Living On the Outside*
Project Director: John McDonald

To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of the International Documentary Association, I would like to urge you to support John McDonald's documentary project, *Mule: Living On the Outside*, which has been accepted into IDA's fiscal sponsorship program.

Founded in 1982, The International Documentary Association (IDA) is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable organization dedicated to building and serving the needs of a thriving documentary culture. Through its programs, IDA provides resources, creates community, and defends rights and freedoms for documentary artists, activists, and journalists. Through our long standing fiscal sponsorship program, IDA allows select documentary projects that have been found to further IDA's exempt purposes and charitable mission, to solicit tax deductible contributions and grants. After careful review of the project's plan, goals and budget we have agreed to act in that capacity, in this instance.

The IDA believes that documentary storytelling expands our understanding of shared human experience, fostering an informed, compassionate, and connected world. We believe that *Mule: Living On the Outside* both furthers our tax exempt purposes and promises to be a contribution to the media arts and cultural history. The filmmaker has demonstrated high professional standards, and we have found the budget to be both feasible and within industry standards and norms.

The International Documentary Association will administer and monitor any funds received in support of this project. Donations to the IDA are tax deductible to the extent allowed by the law. We appreciate your time in considering *Mule: Living On the Outside* for your support.

Very truly yours,

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