To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in enthusiastic support of the Aspect in Russian MediaBook project being developed by Professor Laura Janda at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. I have spent over twenty years studying Russian and other Slavic languages and continue to be fascinated and frustrated by verbal aspect. Slavic aspect has been the subject of countless theoretical and pedagogical studies. However, despite such indefatigable efforts, we have been stuck with the same way of looking at aspect, and the same way of teaching it, for years. Janda’s project is stunning in the way that it moves beyond these stale, traditional categories and descriptions. It is innovative both theoretically, and crucially in this day and age, technologically. I am just about to embark on the topic of verbal aspect with my upper level undergraduate Structure of Russian class and am thrilled to have the preliminary parts of the MediaBook available. I look forward to using the completed version in future years.

Yours sincerely,

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