To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to enthusiastically support development of the MediaBook, *Aspect in Russian*.

The project displays linguistic ideas that are important for both the theory and practice of Russian linguistics. A unique feature and a big advantage of the *Aspects in Russian* is its web-based content, allowing students to interface with the knowledge resource from virtually any place that has Internet connection. The project is quite complex, and, naturally, it requires an adequate testing in the interactive mode.

The authors of the MediaBook did beta-testing last spring for the parts of this project and received good feedback that will have a major impact on planning for the next phase. For example, many students reported problems with the "sleuthing" exercises, and the authors are planning to develop a tutorial for using the Russian National Corpus so that the students can gather and analyze aspectual use from that source.

As a professional, I would be prepared to participate in further beta-testing of this product in phase 2.

In my opinion, this very important initiative merits the financial support that the team requires to complete their mission. Students will benefit from such learning resources.

Sincerely,

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