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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

**KIMIA ZABIHYAN** is a highly experienced journalist and television producer. She founded a film department within Britain's Observer newspaper called **Observer Films**.

In 1993, she produced a film for the BBC programme I edited, called **Public Eye**. It concerned the subject of Anophthalmia - a harrowing eye condition. She researched this story in great detail, securing compelling evidence of the link between this condition, and the use of chemical pesticides in agriculture.

The programme she made was highly successful, and information contained in it proved instrumental in legal action successfully taken by victims of the condition.

In my experience, **Kimia Zabihyan** is a talented, highly motivated, and effective professional journalist.

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Peter Horrocks".

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