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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in support of Chris Dolman's application for an Australia Council *2020 Resilience Fund: Create*, grant.

In 2021, Chris will present *Worrisome*, with ATM Machine.

ATM Machine is a new project space I initiated this year, here in Mid-City Los Angeles, as a platform for exhibitions, artist books and editions.

Chris' project was originally scheduled for early May 2020. However due to the current worldwide travel bans, and local social restrictions, we had to postpone. The original concept was to show paintings and objects in the project space, but has since taken on a completely new direction, to become an online exhibition via @atmmachineofficial including a live exhibition feed, printed publication, physical and digital mail out.

I have been aware of Chris' career for over six years now, since meeting him in my studio New York in 2014 while he was on a travel scholarship from Australia. Since that initial meeting we have remained friends and colleagues in constant contact discussing our respective work and sharing ideas with a view to eventually collaborate on a project.

Chris' utilisation of humor in his work has developed significantly over the last decade and has never been more relevant, or necessary, particularly in light of the current circumstances of the world during these strange times. (One only needs to think of the countless memes that have kept us so entertained these months.)

This grant will allow Chris to commit to the production of new work for *Worrisome*. The exhibition will see his work engage with our newly emerging audience in L.A, and beyond.

I hope you will give Chris the high consideration he deserves in order to make this project a reality.

Knowing Chris' openness, professionalism and determined attitude, this exhibition project with *ATM Machine* is an opportunity that he will no doubt make the most of.

I look forward to working alongside Chris towards the realisation of this exhibition.

Thank you for your time, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Warmest Regards,

Shaun O'Connor