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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my honor to recommend Mr. Declan Ruiz. As one of Declan's former teachers, I have had the privilege to witness firsthand his charisma, work ethic, and creativity. Declan is an absolute joy to be around.

A level of compassion and maturity is essential while working with special needs individuals. My classes get the opportunity to partner with our high school's special needs students, which can be intimidating to some. Declan's performance, however, stood out among his classmates'. He embraced the opportunity to work with the special needs students, never treating them any different than an old friend. He not only got to know his partner but bonded with him, allowing his partner to feel heard and appreciated. Declan had immense patience while working with his partner, even when his partner was trying to challenge him. Declan had the ability to think on his feet and adapt to his situations in order to be accommodating of those around him.

Not only is Declan dependable, but he completes tasks with tremendous efficiency. His work is impeccable while also being innovative and creative. He pushes himself to stand out, yet his efficiency is remarkable and I have yet to see him fail to meet a deadline. While efficiency may often be associated with standard results, that is not the case with Declan. Declan challenges himself to pursue inventive processes and unique results. He never settles for standard, but consistently seeks out excellence.

It is with my full support I recommend Declan Ruiz. His charismatic, reliable, creative nature will take him far in future endeavors. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the above email address.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katie Baughman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, prominent 'K' and 'B'.

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