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Dear Madam or Sir,

I have worked with Kristen Clanton in a number of capacities over the past 6 years. In each of these realms, Kristen has proven – time and again – her professionalism, talent, and passion. I consider any employer that hires Kristen to be extremely fortunate.

I first met Kristen in 2012. We worked together as writing tutors at Hillsborough Community College. Kristen was also a professor at the time. While working in the writing center, I was blown away. Kristen never wasted any moment. If she wasn't grading papers, she was helping a struggling student. If she wasn't doing independent research to improve her understanding of the subject matter, she was outlining a story she was planning to write at home. Even more remarkable was the level at which Kristen worked. Her interactions with students struck the perfect balance of affinity and discipline; her classroom concepts were thought provoking; and her writing was intriguing.

Realizing her vast talent, I soon began collaborating with Kristen creatively. We frequently traded stories and writing projects. Reading her work, I learned more about story arcs. My discussions with her helped frame my thoughts on how descriptive language shapes tone. I listened to her insights, knowing that I was being provided an invaluable treasure. Such guidance is one of the core reasons that I later published creative fiction, earned a law degree, and started a career in criminal law.

More so than any other person, I credit Kristen with helping me achieve personal success. Her words of encouragement helped me believe in my own potential. Her criticisms have helped me grow in my career and as a writer. I feel confident that my sentiment mirrors hundreds of others that have had the privilege of working under and alongside Kristen. In no matter what she does, I have no doubt that Kristen will continue to ascend in her own personal pursuits and continue to change the lives of those around her.

Cordially,
Timothy A. Snyder, Esq.