

#### Application Related Information

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Application:	Application Not Verified	Iteration Name:	202410_GR_G
Grad Program Applying To:	MES	Program Name:	MES

#### Recommendation Information

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Recommended By:	Rex LaMore	Recommenders Title:	Director
Recommenders Institution:	Michigan State University, Center for Community and Economic Development	Contact Name:	Lea Dyga
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs:	I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.	Recommendation Waiver Choice:	
Recommendation Form Submitted:	✓	Recommendation Status:	Received
Received Date:	11/28/2022 07:49 AM	Recommender Assessment:	I recommend this applicant without reservation.
Recommendation Type:	General	Recommender Form:	Letter of Recommendation
Recommendation Entity ID:	1024000108421644	Recommendation Owner:	Josephine Bernier

#### Recommender Form Questions

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How long have you known applicant:	Applicant ability as self-directed learner:
Time since last contact with applicant:	Applicant as productive member of group:
Relationship with Applicant:	Applicant most significant strengths:
Ability to complete rigorous grad program:	Responsibility/reliability:
Communication Skills - Oral:	Communication skills - written:
Service Orientation-sensitivity/empathy:	Ability to work independently:
Ability to handle stress:	Ability to think critically:
Ability to analyze/problem solve:	Ability to think creatively:
Openness to feedback:	Potential for leadership:
Ability to work in a team:	Personal/professional reflection:

#### Description Information

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# MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

November 28, 2022

Dear Admissions Committee,

I would like to offer my letter of recommendation for Ms. Lea Dyga for Evergreen's Master of Environmental Studies Program.

Ms. Dyga and I became acquainted in 2020 during her undergraduate studies at Michigan State University. During her time with me both as a student and a research assistant, Ms. Dyga proved her ability to synthesize interdisciplinary concepts into innovative solutions for modern challenges.

When Ms. Dyga started at the Center for Community and Economic Development, she was tasked with joining an existing research endeavor. Lea took to immersing herself in the field and was a hallmark in completing the study as her predecessors graduated. During her last year at MSU, Ms. Dyga had the opportunity to lead her own project as my research assistant. Lea's project, "Survey of Great Lakes Region Circular Economy Practices," pulled together previously untapped decision makers from eight different states to identify points of intervention in tackling the needs of the industry in our region.

Ms. Dyga was present in every step in the project, from developing the research method to authoring an industry whitepaper to report our findings. Ms. Dyga demonstrated excellent leadership during this project. She built systems of accountability and had contagious self-motivation that shepherded this unprecedented research endeavor to completion under an unforgiving timeline. Lea's research project demanded a holistic understanding of multiple studies to truly address the question with real and meaningful solutions. Our research team was constantly facing evolving challenges, as both research projects Lea participated in occurred during the COVID-19 turbulence. Lea was adaptable and steady in this time, successfully converting our quintessential focus group session into a virtual format.

I have no doubt that Ms. Dyga will greatly contribute to the efforts of Evergreen State College. Lea is able to draw on her interdisciplinary knowledge to ask meaningful questions and has the organizational, investigative, and interpersonal skill to find an answer.

She will be a great addition to any team and a credit to the academic program at Evergreen.

Sincerely,



Rex L. LaMore, Ph.D.  
Director



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