

#### Application Related Information

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Application: Application Incomplete  
Grad Program Applying To: MES

Iteration Name: 202410\_GR\_G  
Program Name: MES

#### Recommendation Information

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Recommended By: Anthony Levenda  
Recommenders Institution: Evergreen State College  
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs: I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.  
Recommendation Form Submitted: ✓

Recommenders Title: Ph.D., Director of CCAS  
Contact Name: Justin Patterson  
Recommendation Waiver Choice:  
Recommendation Status: Received

Received Date: 12/30/2022 04:46 PM  
Recommendation Type: General  
Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000108655625

Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant.  
Recommender Form: Letter of Recommendation  
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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#### Other Information

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December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Dear Graduate Admissions Committee,

I am writing in support of Justin Patterson's application to the MES program at Evergreen. Justin is a determined, hardworking, and promising student who has demonstrated significant interest in areas of climate mitigation and policy. I am confident Justin would provide an excellent addition to Evergreen's MES program.

I have known Justin for almost an entire year in which he was one of the first interns with the CCAS and he was also a student in my Climate Policy and Action program. Throughout these experiences, Justin has shown strong motivation and self-direction. He is a self-starter who is passionate about sustainability, climate change, and policy. As a CCAS intern working with the Center for Responsible Forestry, Justin was an invaluable asset to the organization leading communications strategies, outreach events, and policy research. His field supervisor highly valued Justin's contributions and sought to keep him on for a much longer term. This attests to Justin's work ethic and expertise.

As a student in my program at Evergreen, Justin showed an unmistakable aptitude for graduate level work. He led class discussions, motivated his fellow students, and played an important role in creating a positive, inclusive learning environment. Beyond his obvious preparation, Justin often did extra research to learn more and share with class. His desire for deeper learning signaled an obvious connection to graduate school. I am confident Justin will be able to complete an excellent thesis project, and that any learning community would benefit from his participation. I am also aware of Justin's long track record of excellence in the private sector, which only further demonstrates his commitment and expertise.

Beyond his academic work, Justin has shown himself to be a good colleague to his peers at Evergreen. I believe he will make an excellent addition to any course or research project he engages. Given Justin's already advanced research ideas, I believe he will be ready to start working on thesis level projects as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony Levenda". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Anthony" and last name "Levenda" clearly distinguishable.

Anthony M. Levenda, PhD  
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