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Dear MES Applications Committee:

I am writing to recommend Orion Gee to the Masters of Environmental Studies Program. Orion took Vertebrate Zoology (co-taught with Amy Cook) in the fall of 2021. Orion was a strong student and effectively learned and connected the material that was taught. It is my pleasure to recommend Orion to the Master's Program at Evergreen.

In Vertebrate Zoology, there were multiple writing assignments, two exams, and a research project. In the writing assignments, Orion effectively drew from the content and always revealed a good understanding of the content. He also clearly worked to make connections with previous material that we covered in lectures, workshops, and in the readings. Orion consistently participated in the small-group activities and field work. Additionally, Orion did well on the exams. Orion was also incredibly flexible and accommodating with group work and field work: this is essential for their success.

I think that Orion is an ideal candidate for this program. He is truly committed to learning and to understanding solutions to environmental problems. He is also extremely bright and a very hard worker. An additional bonus is Orion's positive attitude. He is excited about working on problems and is always finding the positive side of challenges.

If you have any other questions about Orion's preparedness for MES, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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