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Dear Admissions Committee,

This is a letter in support of Victoria Chaplinski (**Tori**) who is applying for the MES program at The Evergreen State College. I have been Tori's direct supervisor since Fall 2022 when I hired her as a Program Aide.

My job at Evergreen is to support faculty and students by implementing and teaching science labs to undergraduate students. To assist me with this task, I recruit students like Tori as Program Aides. In this role, Tori has been responsible for developing and testing laboratory protocols, making reagents, gathering supplies, testing and calibrating scientific equipment, enforcing lab safety, managing waste, helping with the instruction of students in class, and keeping our lab spaces organized and cleaned.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time working with Tori. I have come to know her as a truly asset to my team. Tori is responsible and dependable and can be trusted to complete complex tasks with minor supervision. Tori was often tasked with planning and implementing advanced organic and inorganic chemistry labs. She spent many hours in the lab making reagents, testing protocols, and gathering glassware and equipment for students. Tori was always willing to come in early and stay late to make sure we were ready for our classes.

Tori supported many microbiology and molecular biology labs. She prepared 1000s of agar plates, 100s of agarose DNA gels, and has grown many different types of bacteria, yeast, and viruses. She has done genomic and plasmid DNA purifications, restriction digests, enzymatic and protein assays, and PCR. Tori is also experienced in a wide array of environmental chemistry protocols. These include, but are not limited to, measuring nitrates, phosphates, dissolve oxygen, and alkalinity. She is familiar with many environmental sampling instruments, and she helped me with the maintenance and operation of the college research boats.

Tori is passionate about sciences. Along with her talents and experiences, Tori has always been a pleasure to work with. She is a true team player. As a dedicated and knowledgeable employee, as well as an all-around great person, I know that she will do well and deserves all the opportunities we can give her to help her reach her goals.

Sincerely,

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