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Dear Selection Committee-

I write to offer my full recommendation and support for Tia Gass, who is applying to the Master of Environmental Studies degree at The Evergreen State College. Tia was a student of mine in our M.Ed. program in Higher Education and Student Affairs and she was an excellent student. I was aware of her parallel interests in environmental science/studies and her work at the Estuarium in Olympia. We spoke of her many interests while she was a student, and I appreciated her focus and passion. Specifically, Tia completed multiple research papers and projects and always received high praise based on the quality of her work. She has excellent research skills with the capacity to understand and use qualitative and quantitative analysis. Both in our class conversations and written work, Tia exhibited critical thinking skills, good communication style, and the ability to synthesize research.

I truly believe Tia will excel in your program and bring a great deal of experience and ability to the cohort of students you select. As a program director myself, I consider students for admission who can clearly articulate their interests and goals, write well, and work with others. Tia exceeded my expectations as a master's student, and I know she will in your program.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding my recommendation.

Sincerely,

Jackie Clark, Ph.D.