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To Whom It May Concern:

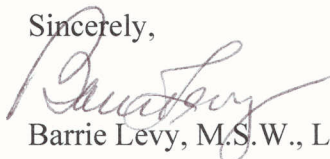
I am pleased to recommend Perri Kruse to your organization. I am a UCLA faculty member in the School of Public Policy, Dept. of Social Welfare. Ms. Kruse was a student in my Winter 2015 graduate course on policies and practice related to sexual and domestic violence. The course focused on current issues in public policy regarding violence, and social work practice in responding to individuals, families and communities affected by violence. Each student was required to write a paper involving a literature search and critical analysis of a current policy or practice issue, with recommendations for changes or improved implementation. Students were asked to think about strategies and alliances important to advocating for a particular policy or for future needed policies to address the issue being discussed in the paper. In addition the focus of the course was on the impact of violence and public policies and systems related to violence on the emotional and social well-being of clients in various settings.

Ms. Kruse was enthusiastic and thorough in her research on the Clery Act, reflecting current public attention to the problem of sexual assaults on college campuses. Her analysis of the information was intelligent, thoughtful and well-informed. She is organized in her thinking and writing, and has a great capacity for critical thinking.

Her involvement in the course went beyond that of the other students, because of her commitment to integrate her academic, volunteer and work interests and experiences. Her participation in class was sophisticated and thoughtful. During the time she was in my class, she sought additional learning experiences outside those required by her courses. She was also instrumental in providing learning opportunities to other students through her coordination of educational presentations for the Feminist Caucus – available to all students. These opportunities offered valuable information beyond that offered in classes. Ms. Kruse's commitment and motivation was also reflected by her frequently seeking out consultation related to domestic violence cases to supplement the input she was getting in class and in her field work.

Ms. Kruse is bright, competent and conscientious. She has abundant energy and a serious commitment to her work. She is consistent and reliable, and has excellent relationships with professors and peers. She learns from her own experiences and her interactions with others as well as from academic sources, and broadens her thinking beyond the specifics of any situation. I believe that Ms. Kruse will be an asset to your organization.

Sincerely,



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