April 12, 2006

To Whom it May Concern:

I have been asked by Ms. Teresa Johnson to supply a letter of recommendation in support of her application for professional training in medicine. I have known Teresa for two years as her instructor in two courses, and as her research advisor.

I first met Teresa in an introductory course that I team-teach, BIO 201 (Principles of Cell and Molecular Biology). Teresa stood out in this class for her enthusiasm and interest in the subject. She worked hard on all of her assignments in this course, and completed her work early to allow time for any needed revisions. She completed this course with an A- (ranked 9th in a class of 40). I also had the pleasure of instructing Teresa last semester in my junior-level course-with-laboratory, Genetics (Bio 306; Fall, ’04). She was an active participant in class discussions, organized and helpful in the laboratory, and finished the course with a B- (13th in a class of 27 biology majors).

Last fall, Teresa also started an independent research project in my mouse genetics laboratory. Teresa is continuing this semester on this project, which involves DNA isolation and analysis, using such techniques as the polymerase chain reaction, and gel electrophoresis. Teresa has already made one formal presentation of her research results last Spring, at the 59th Annual Eastern Colleges Science Conference which was hosted at CCSU.

Teresa’s volunteer contributions to the Department of Biomolecular Sciences also extend beyond her commitment to class work and research. Teresa is an active member of the Biology Club, and she has assisted me on several occasions to present 3-hour Saturday-morning outreach workshops for area middle school students. Again, in this capacity Teresa is completely reliable, patient, and hardworking.

In her course work, research, and departmental service, Teresa Johnson routinely excels. She is a pleasure to know and to work with. In both the classroom and the laboratory she not only shows, but spreads enthusiasm for the subject. I find her to be an excellent candidate for professional training in medicine.
If I can be of any further assistance to you, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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