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To whom it may concern,

I am pleased to write a letter of support for Kelly Willard. As an undergraduate music major at Grand Valley State University, Kelly has participated in several choral ensembles I conducted, served on the Choir Council, and was a student in a choral conducting class I taught. I worked with Kelly for four years and observed her evolve from a rather timid, non-assertive young woman to a confident and competent leader.

Kelly has been an exemplary choral ensemble participant. Her preparation for rehearsals was thorough, and her conduct always respectful and cooperative. She was successful assisting others in her section as they learned their parts and was always willing to help. As a member of the choir council Kelly was detailed and diligent as she performed her assigned tasks.

As a choral conducting student, Kelly again demonstrated the detailed preparation of her work always meeting deadlines for assignments that were impeccably completed. As a conductor she improved steadily throughout the semester. Her final project, conducting a rehearsal with a university choral ensemble, was a positive culminating experience for her work that semester. She was confident, engaging, assertive and thoroughly prepared.

I know Kelly will continue to be diligent, dependable and conscientious. She is a team player with respect and passion for the profession of teaching. If she perceives any weaknesses in her skills she will work tirelessly to perfect them. I believe she will become a master teacher given a few years of experience. I recommend her without reservation.

Sincerely,

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