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To whom it may concern

Subject: **Michael O'Keefe**

I have had the pleasure of knowing Michael O'Keefe for almost a year. During this time, I have known Michael in many capacities. I first met Michael when he was a student in my CSS 451 "3-D Computer Graphics" course in Winter 2016 Quarter. He demonstrated eagerness to learn beyond the curriculum and always strived to produce quality work. Michael completed this challenging class with the top grade while demonstrating comprehensive knowledge of the rendering pipeline and excellent written and communication skills in the discussions and final project design, implementation and presentations.

Later in Spring 2016 Quarter Michael served as my assistant/lab grader in CSS 162 "Advanced Programming with Java". He excelled in this job – he was always getting work finished on time while providing students with detailed comments using self-created templates (developed per his own initiative). He demonstrated deep knowledge of the topics and desire to assist students who were struggling – I never saw a grader providing as many comments to the students. His effort was reflected in the very positive evaluations results.

Michael is a quick learner and has ability to get directly to the point. He is an analytical thinker who doesn't take things for granted. He communicates clearly and is a disciplined and hardworking person. Michael is also a team player. I observed him working well with and helping teammates in the assignments and projects

Michael has a great potential to be a successful developer. I was impressed by his ability to learn new VR/AR technologies while attending meetups and working on a VR game development during the 2nd Seattle AEC VR Hackathon. Michael is energetic and has many interests and community involvement beyond the study. He is a nice person who gets along well with other students.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need more information.

Sincerely,

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