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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Andrew Roche's application to your program. I give Andrew my highest recommendation, and I sincerely hope that you are able to offer a position to him. Andrew is among the very best of the students I have had the privilege to work with at Albion College.

I have known Andrew since the beginning of his sophomore year, when he transferred to Albion from another institution. I am very happy he chose to join us. He has been an excellent student with us and more importantly – based on my experience with Andrew both inside and outside of the classroom – he is an excellent person. He is mature, disciplined, hard-working, and intellectually curious.

Andrew has taken a number of courses with me. The courses have ranged from introductory-level courses in political theory, to upper-level courses in public law and political theory. This semester, he is enrolled in my capstone seminar on 'Privacy and the Surveillance Society.' Andrew's performance in each of those classes has been consistently excellent. He is a strong writer and, more generally, he has excellent communication skills. He is always well-prepared for class, and he makes interesting and important contributions to class discussions. Further, one of the things I most appreciated about Andrew's presence in class was that he always engaged with his fellow seminar participants in a generous and professional manner. He posed thoughtful questions to the other seminar members, and he always seemed to listen carefully to their answers. In short, Andrew seemed genuinely interested in engaging in intellectual process, the life of ideas.

Obviously, I cannot predict with certainty what kind of teacher Andrew will be. But, based on my conversations with him, I know that he is deeply motivated to be the best teacher and mentor he can be. Moreover, based on my experience with him in my own classes, I am confident that Andrew will bring a high level of thoughtfulness to his teaching.

In closing, I strongly recommend Andrew Roche to you. I am fully confident that you will find him to be an excellent choice as a colleague. If you wish to contact me to discuss Andrew's qualifications, please do not hesitate to do so. I would be most happy to discuss my experience with him.

Sincerely,

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