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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of Kaitlin Gallup candidacy to your organization. I have known Kaitlin for the past eight months. She was the first person I hired in my new position as Supervisor of Special Programs at Washington Saratoga Board of Cooperative Educational Services. I cannot say enough about the skills, talent, knowledge, intellect and abilities this fine young person possesses. There are few that I have come across in my career who are as skilled as early in her career as Kaitlin.

When I first met Kaitlin I thought she was quiet and reserved. I was proven wrong when I witnessed her teaching during her first observable lesson. She was warm, engaging, and supportive of each student in her class. The environment she created allowed her students to raise hands, answer questions, and add to the discussion, to offer new ideas.

Instructionally, Kaitlin is fully informed about her students, there levels, abilities, and areas for improvement. She knows what they are learning in their classroom and supports that learning. She engages students with many different modalities of teaching. She assists them to connect to the material, making connections that they can related to their own lives. She brings in real life examples or artifacts that will allow students to experience what they are learning as opposed to thinking about it.

Ms. Gallup is a lifelong learner. In the past few months alone she has completed several online courses that assist her in her instruction. She is a strong advocate for her students, she works well with others and is happy to collaborate with other professionals for the benefit of her students.

I am sorry to see Ms. Gallup go. Although I am certain she will make as positive of an impact in your organization as she has here. She is second to none. I without hesitation highly recommend Ms. Gallup for employment.

Please feel free to contact me to further discuss her candidacy. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Amelia H. Gallagher