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Daxi Senior High School of Taoyuan City

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am honored to write this letter of recommendation for Michael Patrick Clarke. As the director of the academic affairs office at Taoyuan Municipal Daxi Senior High School, I supervised Mr. Clarke for four years during his tenure as the school's sole foreign English teacher. Over this time, I came to know him as a dedicated and innovative teacher, valued colleague, and man of high moral character. I recommend him without any reservation for whatever secondary or post-secondary English teaching position he may seek.

Michael's teaching skills are well attested in his monthly evaluations, which I am happy to share with you upon request. From the very first time I observed one of his classes, I could tell that he is a natural teacher. His lesson plans were solidly composed and smoothly executed. Whenever his colleagues or I suggested an improvement in a lesson plan, he thoughtfully and thoroughly addressed it. With his collaborative attitude, his teaching constantly became better, and his positive impact on the school steadily grew.

Our students have a significant cognitive load in English classes, and the English teachers are correspondingly busy. Michael's ability to work independently and deliver consistently high-quality lessons complemented our teachers' goals. Each of our English teachers could decide when and how to fit his classes into their schedules, as well as to what extent they wanted to be involved in the planning and execution of lessons. Michael has shown himself to be cheerfully flexible to the widely differing collaboration styles of our teachers.

In addition, for the few students with excellent English proficiency, Michael is able to use the two weekly self-study periods to lead them in reading novels or topical articles. This not only deepens their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills, but also enhances their critical thinking and communication abilities. The students consistently give high praise.

Outside the classroom, Michael is well known to be respectfully deferential to his fellow faculty members and staff, in particular his superiors. The students know they can always approach him and be greeted with a kind word and patient help. Outside the school, Michael is an upstanding citizen, recognized as “the teacher” in his residential community and active in the works of his church. Our school and our broader society are the better for Michael’s engagement with us.

Michael’s departure from Daxi Senior High School will be a loss for us, but a gain to whatever institution secures him next.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read '洪佩伶' (Hong Peiling), written over a horizontal line.

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