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To Whom it May Concern,

I write to you to enthusiastically recommend Allison Judy for a health educator role focused on improving healthcare information dissemination. This work is essential for preventive healthcare and treatment and has the potential to create increased patient access, empower patients and healthcare providers, *and* save lives.

I have known Allison for five years; she was a student in several of my classes at Westmont College and I served as her student teaching supervisor. Allison was one of the strongest student teachers I ever taught and supervised. She rose to the complex challenge of teaching with excellence. Allison earned a B.S. in Chemistry in 2019 and a California Preliminary Single Subject Secondary Teaching Credential in Chemistry in 2020 from Westmont College. While teaching in the Santa Barbara Unified School District from 2020 – 2023, Allison taught a mix of general, Advanced Placement, and honors classes both on Zoom and in-person classroom settings.

During her student teaching, Allison forged collaborative relationships with her cooperating teachers. She demonstrated a strong team-player mentality and she intentionally and regularly connected with science experts across the district. During the Covid-19 Pandemic, Allison made the transition to remote learning look easy! She adapted well to teaching on Zoom and created at-home lab activities to engage her students. In Fall 2020, Allison was featured in the *Westmont Leads Magazine* as a stand-out alum!

One of Allison's greatest strengths is her ability to go the extra mile. Whether she was tutoring students after school, diving into curricular planning, getting to know students, or setting up a quantum theory lab, Allison was thorough, anticipated student needs, and focused on student success. She also prioritized building classroom community and enthusiastically shared her passion for chemistry and her love for students.

Allison's success as a teacher will be an asset for her in the healthcare industry. She is uber-organized, thorough, thoughtful, curious, and deeply reflective. She is an engaging presenter who is able to synthesize information and creatively share it. Allison is also quick to name areas for professional growth; she makes the necessary adjustments and accepts feedback graciously in order to improve.

Additionally, Allison has a strong foundation in differentiation strategies and cultural proficiency. She understands and enjoys the challenge of addressing an individual's needs in the classroom which will translate to identifying and understanding the needs of healthcare professionals and patients. As a trained teacher, she is skilled in developing diverse and personalized content as well as modes of delivery that allow individuals, or her intended audience, to access information. Removing barriers for access and learning, Allison cares about results. She is compassionate and empathetic, a rare combination needed in healthcare.

I recommend Allison without hesitation. She is an enthusiastic professional who will be an asset in a healthcare role. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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