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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to support Laura Hunter’s future employment and education endeavors. I was her supervisor at EcoHealth Alliance during the summer of 2015, as part of a larger research project in public health, infectious diseases ecology, and biosurveillance. In addition to my duties as adjunct faculty at Columbia University, I helped mentor interns through an independent research project related to biosurveillance technology development.

Laura excelled in the internship, participating in discussions, and performing well on group and individual assignments. She learned how to make attractive, compelling presentations and collect and store data. She also exhibited dedication, critical thinking, and preparedness in a high-pressure research environment. She never complained and was eager to learn. Importantly, Laura was one of few interns to tackle data management. She is very proficient in Microsoft Excel and was responsible for his team’s analyses and results. She showed a willingness to learn more advanced analytical skills, and with time to develop these skills, she could be a major asset to a research project.

Throughout the summer, Laura expressed interest in public health, specifically disease ecology. Laura is well suited for this research area; she has developed skills and knowledge in broad ecological processes and has received medical training. She has excellent data management skills and a strong scientific background.

I have no doubt Laura will have a successful career. She is very interested and willing to perform lab tasks, but also enjoys outdoor work. Given her background, I think she would be successful working on a project that involves public and environmental health. She is an inquisitive, friendly, and smart student who works well in teams, but also completes tasks well individually. I enthusiastically recommend her to future career and educational opportunities. Please do not hesitate to contact me with further questions.

Sincerely,

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