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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Seri Gomberg whom I have worked with for a year as the Manager, Field Operations for the Childhood Leukemia Study within the School of Public Health. While in this position, I served as her immediate supervisor.

As the Field Operations Manager, Seri and I had many opportunities to work together on an ongoing basis. Her key strengths are in project design and overall organization. Seri made many valuable contributions to our research program in childhood cancer. In the short period of time Seri was with us, we benefited from her organizational skills.

Some of her major contributions are as follows:

- Designed and implemented research procedures to ensure participant protection and quality of data gathered.
- Supervised re-structuring of field procedures, thus reducing field research cost to 50% while maintaining productivity level, managed part time field staff remotely.
- Planned and implemented restructuring efforts, to improve cost-effectiveness of study procedures.
- Negotiated and managed outsourcing relationships, including specialized expertise in survey methods.
- Wrote specifications for some of the databases used to track data collection.
- Developed quality control procedures for data collection.

I recommend Seri without reservations. If I presently were in a position of hiring someone with Seri's skills, I would have no hesitation in selecting Seri for this position. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or need any further information about the nature of our working relationship.

Most sincerely,

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