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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter of recommendation for An Nguyen. I have had the privilege to get to know and be a mentor to An through a program where I volunteer at the University of Minnesota.

An and I both went through the Computer Science program at the University, and as somebody who has experienced the industry as a full stack software engineer and technical leader, I can say without a doubt that An is on a trajectory to be a fantastic well-rounded engineer.

His can-do attitude combined with his global experience both in academics and work show me that he can adapt flexibly to any situation, whether he's studying in Minnesota or working in Vietnam – both of which he has done.

An possesses a strong knack for entrepreneurial and self-starting ventures – he is always looking for the next project to get his hands dirty and solve problems. Some projects are done out of independent interest, like when he developed a fully featured video game from scratch and distributed it on multiple platforms. An also seeks to explore problems that haven't been solved yet – like when he joined the University of Minnesota's Critical Systems research lab, where he's working to understand and improve the complex processes around rocket launches. An takes his technical development seriously both in and out of the classroom.

Every time I get a chance to have a conversation with An, I'm always impressed by the depth of his curiosity – he's truly an intellectual and deep thinker, who is always seeking to learn something new about whatever he can.

As a leader of a team and as an alumnus involved with the University of Minnesota's College of Science & Engineering, I see An as an all-around asset to any team, and as someone who represents what a strong engineer should represent. I hope that you consider An!

Sincerely,

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