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To Whom it May Concern,

It is with great enthusiasm that I write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Mr. Caleb Short. I have had the privilege of knowing Caleb since August 2025 when he enrolled in my Intermediate German course. In this time Caleb has shown himself to be a dedicated student with an excellent sense of humor and a person with both international and intercultural competencies. It is without hesitation that I recommend Caleb for your institution.

What struck me about Caleb when first meeting him was his dedication to furthering his own knowledge of the German language. Caleb is an excellent student, taking great care in all of his assignments and continually exceeding expectations. He is also not afraid to ask questions—speaking to his character. I can think of numerous times Caleb stayed after class to check his understanding of nuanced vocabulary or to double-check his understanding of an assignment. Caleb additionally frequents our weekly German coffee hour and this is where he shines, showcasing his easygoing personality and sense of humor.

Caleb has relayed to me multiple times that it is his goal to one day work and live abroad. I know when accepting international students for internships and study abroad opportunities, companies may worry about a student's ability to adapt and acclimate to a different environment. This would not be a problem for Caleb in the slightest. He is well-versed in multicultural understanding and would represent his home well during his time abroad.

I know the combination of Caleb's intercultural capabilities and his work ethic would make him a fine candidate for an opportunity through your institution. Should you need any more information from me, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Best wishes,



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