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**Applicant: Erin Mullowney** 

Dear admissions committee,

It is my pleasure to write a letter of recommendation for Erin Mullowney. As a solo practitioner with almost 30 years of experience, I have mentored and trained numerous dental assistants. Erin is, without a doubt, in the top handful of prospective dental students I have hired in my career.

Erin started working in our office as a dental assistant in December 2019. When hiring for this position, I was extremely selective in the decision-making process. In a short amount of time, she has proven to be an incredible asset to my team. It was readily apparent that Erin is a fast learner. As a general dentist who specializes in implants and receding gum surgeries, the procedures can be especially intricate. Erin's ability to master new skills in a short amount of time has made her invaluable in our office, as she can now assist with various procedures such as fillings, prepping/cementing crowns, root canals, bridges, Invisalign, extractions, implants, gum grafts, and the Chao Pinhole Technique we use for gum recession. She asks the right questions, takes detailed notes, and is dedicated to fully understanding each technique and the overall treatment plan of the patient. I also believe Erin's dexterity will prove to be an asset in dental school and her future. With her ability in fine motor movements such as suturing, cementing crowns and assistance in extractions, I have seen her skills translate to dentistry first hand. Her talent and proactive commitment to excel will make her an exceptional dental student.

I have been very pleased to observe how Erin interacts with our patients. With her strong awareness of their needs, she is a very comforting and nurturing individual who truly cares about patients' well-being. Her personal interaction and bedside manner with each patient will carry her very far in this profession. Erin is a charismatic and enjoyable person to be around, and her character exudes through to patients and her coworkers alike. Erin is a hard-working, intelligent young professional who has exceeded my every expectation. With a genuine ambition to be a doctor of dentistry, it has been refreshing to watch such a highly motivated individual work toward her goals.

I am confident Erin will be a valuable addition to your dental program. With great respect for such a motivated individual, I highly recommend that Erin be for acceptance into the dental school program, and I look forward to her future successes in dentistry.

Sincerely,

Michael Ontiveros, D.D.S.

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