Dear Mr./Mrs. of the Benjamim Franklin Transatlantic Fellowship Committee,

I have the pleasure of teaching Nela Kaľavská for two and a half year since her 8th grade in the 8-year grammar school at Gymnazium Gelnica, Slovakia. I have been teaching her English. From the first day of class, Nela impressed me with her ability to communicate about various concepts and themes, her ability to be a leading partner in any conversation, sensitivity to the nuances within the English language, and her passion for reading and writing both in and out of the classroom. Nela has my highest recommendation as a student.

Nela is talented when considering all school subjects studied at the grammar school in Gelnica. When called upon to give her personal statements or agruments within any discussed themes in front of her peers, Nela speaks clearly and eloquently about her thoughts and responds to questions in a thoughtful way. Outside of the classroom, Nela is dedicated to her extracuricular activities and a longterm participation in a majorettes club in Prakovce, the municipality of Gelnica region, where she has been winning various awards on an interanational as well as a world level.

Throughout the year Nela is an active participant in our discussions, school activities, competitions of subjects like biology, English and Slovak language and others. She has always supported her peers, she has been active in opening discussions to get the opinion of her class or to solve a problem in the class. Her caring nature and personality allow her to work well with others in a team, as she always respects others' opinions even when they differ from her own. Throughout the year, Nela has demonstrated this openness to and empathy for the opinions, feelings, and perspectives of others.

I am certain that Nela is going to continue to do great things in her future. I highly recommend her for your program that is based on discussing and dealing various subjects as she is a strong leading and communacative partner for members of your program. She is talented, caring, intuitive and dedicated. Nela is truly a stand-out individual who will impress everyone she meets. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at petrikova.gymgl@gmail.com.

Yours sincerely,

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