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

It is my pleasure to recommend Nina Dzurendová, who I have been teaching English for two and half years since her 8th grade, now she studies in Sexta in the 8-year grammar school at Gymnasium Gelnica, Slovakia. Nina has demonstrated tremendous effort and growth throughout her studies. She has that combination of a positive attitude and kindness to classmates and teachers.

Firstly, she is a very ambitious student who studies hard to be an excellent student in every subject. She took part in Slovak language, IKT and chemistry competitions continually in last years, in the competition of critical thinking and the Heath flag competition this school year. She took part in a reciting competition Hviezdoslavov Kubín where she won the first place in a district level. I am confident that she will continue to show the same commitment in Benjamin Franklin Transatlantic Fellowship and therefore I highly recommend Nina for this project.

Secondly, Nina has not only having excellent grades, but she has been also a regularly elected member of Students‘ parliament at our Gymnasium in Gelnica for five years. Due to all her work in school’s parliament she has continually been leading and inspiring her classmates and other students to discuss and solve problems or various questions among themselves. She has helped contribute to her classroom environment where all students can feel supported and able to ask questions. Moreover as a member of our school parliament she has been a part of a training for Košice school parliaments for 4 days in Kysak in 2022, a Training for school parliaments of Košice region in 2023 and a Training for Participative budgets in 2023.

Furthermore, Nina helps our school and our town community as a volunteer in projects and charities for money raising, school events like Open days for new-coming students in the afternoon hours or at the weekends. Hereby, I confirm only the best grades in all subjects for her whole period of studies at our school.

Finally, Nina is a trustworthy and a reliable student and friend who supports others in and out of the classroom. She is a pleasure to have in class and her positive attitude to her responsibilities is an admirable asset. I'm confident that she will continue to demonstrate the same hard work positive attitude and optimism that she has showed. I highly recommend her to your Benjamin Franklin program. Please feel free to contact me with any further questions at petrikova.gymgl@gmail.com.

Yours sincerely,

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