

Dear Sir or Madam,

I write this letter as feedback for the work Dr.Awase Khirni Syed has done as part of the Geospatial Sensing and Data Intelligence Lab at the University of Waterloo.

Dr. Syed has been a valuable member of our lab for around 8 months. During this time, he has supervised many research projects and led various study groups. Dr.Syed's guidance and feedbacks were especially helpful during the Pandemic where many of us initially struggled with the challenging work conditions.

As one of the students who worked closely with Dr.Syed, I sincerely commend him for his leadership. He has helped us with all phases of research, from organizing and supervising literature reviews, to contacting various organizations for data, to proof-reading manuscripts. Due to his experience with Computer Vision and Remote Sensing, he was able to provide students with many helpful references and guidance during their research. Dr.Syed helped me with my own projects in Remote Sensing Deep Learning for which I am extremely grateful.

It would be my pleasure to recommend Dr.Syed for a faculty position in light of his work with us.

Sincerely,

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