



October 14, 2014

Dr. John Bolte, Professor and Department Head
Biological and Ecological Engineering, College of Agricultural Sciences
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Re: Letter of Reference for Bruce Marron

Dear Dr. Bolte,

I am writing with an unqualified recommendation of Bruce Marron.

Bruce was an Agriculture and Watersheds Intern with Oregon Environmental Council from March – June 2014, researching the impacts of nitrogen pollution on human and environmental health, and developing recommended strategies to reduce these impacts. Bruce is a wonderful combination of a scientist who is truly inspired and excited by knowledge, and a down-to-earth humanist, who wants his work to matter, and make people's lives better in a very practical way. Bruce is smarter than I am, which was a benefit since he is also a former high school science teacher, and very good at explaining scientific concepts to laypeople in a way that reflects his passion for the subject.

Bruce was a pleasure to work with, and always went above and beyond to understand the issues involved with this project. He is a self-starter. I didn't manage him – we simply checked-in on a weekly basis to ensure his research direction was compatible with the political context of the policy concepts we are developing.

I think you would be lucky to have him in your program, and I look forward to hearing about the great work he does in the future.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Allison Hensey
Program Director, Agriculture and Watersheds
Oregon Environmental Council