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To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure to write a letter of recommendation in support of Emely Pineda. I have known Emely since the Fall of 2022 when she enrolled in my English Renaissance Literature course (ENGL 314) at Texas A&M University. As a Biomedical Sciences major with a minor in English, Emely brought a unique perspective to our class, encouraging us to think about texts in new ways and to critically examine our methods for approaching these texts. Throughout the time I have known Emely, she has been a hard worker, a team player, and a critical thinker who approaches her work with enthusiasm. I am confident that she would be an asset to your team.

In my course, Emely showed a true knack for effective written and oral communication and approached all her assignments with inquisitiveness and determination. She was one of my most engaged students, asking questions that elevated the level of the class discussions and working hard to improve her work and to delve deeper into course assignments. Emely is curious and detailed-oriented, and her essays demonstrated these qualities. Emely's final paper on Thomas More's *Utopia* brought together sustained research and careful close reading of the text to make a compelling argument about the limits of even a utopian society to regulate human nature. While a utopian text and questions about human nature may seem a long way from the lab or research work of biomedical science, I strongly believe that Emely's careful, critical, and original approach to her work, especially in the fields of literature and writing, makes her a stronger scientist and a better communicator.

Outside of my classroom, Emely has also established herself as a superior candidate for lab and research work in the biomedical field through her ability to work collaboratively and creatively with others in a variety of lab settings and through her work as a Hullabaloo U mentor for first-year students in which she demonstrated her ability to work well with others, to communicate effectively to a variety of individuals, and to lead purposefully.

Emely will bring to your team a strong work ethic, attention to detail, and an unbridled enthusiasm for biomedical sciences, and I strongly believe that any lab would be lucky to have her as a part of their team. Please feel free to contact me at dtodd@tamu.edu or at (979) 862-4333 if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

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