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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to recommend Xavier Fontcuberta for your advertised position as a Basic Income Researcher. Although I have not met Xavi in person, I know him by reputation. I am currently co-editor of *Basic Income Studies*, a journal that he founded in 2004 and edited until 2011. The mission of *Basic Income Studies* has been to publish the best available scholarship from all disciplines concerning basic income and related policies. The journal has published work by the best internationally known researchers on basic income, including Philippe Van Parijs, Guy Standing, Claus Offe, Jurgen DeWispelaere, E. O. Wright, Karl Widerquist, Carole Pateman, Phillip Petit, David Cassassas, and Ingrid Robeyns, all of whom Xavi knows and could call upon for this project. He managed the journal well, and indeed, was instrumental in getting the journal off the ground. His Masters research was at the Catholic University of Louvain, an internationally known center for basic income research. (I was a fellow there at the Hoover Chair for Economic and Social Ethics in Fall 2004.)

From his resume you can see that, in addition to his deep knowledge of the research on basic income, he has a strong track record in the field of policy research and evaluation. He will be able to ask the right questions, develop the research tools to generate useful data, and put together a team that can follow this project over the long term. I can vouch for his competence, his knowledge, and his commitment, all of which are necessary for the success of a project such as this.

Sincerely,

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