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Brother Hathaway

Professor

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Dear Brother Hathaway:

I am writing to demonstrate that I have learned key concepts and efficient techniques during this course that can aid in my future goals in becoming a biostatistician. This course has offered complex projects, tasks, and class activities that have encouraged my success.

Throughout this course I have gained a love for big data no matter how taxing it was to manipulate and work with. Data manipulation was one of the most crucial skills that I obtained through lots of tedious hours, packages (dplyr, lubridate, tidyr, and stringr), and failures. Learning skills to visualize data has not only helped me in this class but has helped me look deeper into problems and further grow my problem solving skills. Ggplot, dygraphs, and leaflet are a few of the great tools that I now have in my arsenal to continue making visualizations for myself and future jobs. This class has innumerable take a ways, thank you for creating a class to cause such a deep rich level of learning that is extremely applicable to me as a student and my future in the industry.

The grade I wanted in the course was an A, and I feel the I put forth was worth and A. I spent a lot of time outside of class learning the material. I did miss a few deadlines on some tasks but overall I did tasks and case studies on time. I was present at 97 percent of classes, participated, and was as active as possible on Slack.

Sincerely,

Keegan Gunderson