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To Whom it may concern:

I am the Architect of the New Media group at The College Board and was the main interviewer when we interviewed Jim Goldbloom. I also worked closely with him on a daily basis for his full duration of engagement with our company.

When we were interviewing for Jim's contract position we went thru dozens of applicants before finding someone with Jim's capabilities and match for our position. Since hiring him he has been instrumental in helping us code and deliver close to 50 Drupal sites. He also played a key role in migrating our applications from Amazon EC2 cloud to Aquia's PAAS. I am very sorry that due to changes we are going undertaking in the structure of our organization we are unable to retain him in his current position. I would hire him in a heartbeat as a full time employee and hopefully may get the opportunity to do so after our organization resets over the next year. His technical ability, problem solving, team cooperation and willingness to go the extra mile to help accomplish projects is outstanding. He worked on multiple projects including integrating with our SOA services, integrating with Google API's, architectural caching mechanisms, template implementation, database optimization and general debugging and development of our Drupal portfolio.

I am sorry to have to write this letter but anyone who hires Jim will be getting an engineer of extraordinary capability of which there are few and far between.

Sincerely,



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