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To: Department of Sociology

California State University, Sacramento

Scholarship Committee

Darrah Borrego has asked me to write a letter in support of her scholarship application. Although I have only known Darrah for a few months, I am happy to do so. I met her this semester. She is a student of mine in Introduction to Social Problems. It is a large class, two hundred and fifty students. Even though the class is large and I have only known her a short time, I have come to know her better than most of the students and feel I can contribute some insight into her academic potential.

To this point, Darrah has excelled in the course. She has taken two exams and did well on each. She got a B on the first exam and an A on the second. This is in a class where the grade average is 2.1. As I said, I have gotten to know Darrah better than most of the students. This is through the out of class assignments. I give the students a series of documentaries to view and then have the students come to office hours to talk with me about the documentaries. Darrah demonstrated an understanding and interest in the documentaries. Through these discussions, she also demonstrated a concern for the social problems that we have discussed in class and a genuine interest in learning. Despite the short amount of time that I have known Darrah, I believe she would be an excellent choice for the scholarship. If I can be of any further help, please let me know. I can be reached at [psemm@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:psemm@mail.sdsu.edu) or 619-594-5906.

Sincerely,

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