November 15, 2012

To: Graduate Admissions

Connor Peterson has asked me to write a letter of recommendation in support of his application for admission to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; I am delighted to do so. I have known Connor for four years and in the time that I have known him I have been extremely impressed with his academic ability and maturity. Connor was a student of mine in two courses in the Sociology Department at San Diego State University. The two courses were Introduction to Social Problems and an upper division required course, Contemporary Social Theory. Connor received an A in both courses.

The evaluation process for Contemporary Theory was very comprehensive and I think provides a good indication of Connor’s academic ability and potential for doing post-graduate work. The process consisted of three exams, two papers and small group assignments. Rene did well on the exams, the papers were well written, and he made noticeably positive contributions towards the small group assignment. He also contributed to class discussions and he took advantage of office hours to discuss issues that were raised in the class. I believe that Connor is in the top 2% academically of students that I have taught at SDSU in upper division courses. He is an articulate person with excellent writing skills.

As I said, I have known Connor for four years and during that time he has proven to be highly intelligent, and also to be a very mature for his age. I believe that he would be able to handle graduate work at any level, will be successful in any profession he chooses and will be a wonderful representative of the program. I highly recommend him without qualification. If I can be of further assistance I can be reached by email at [psemm@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:psemm@mail.sdsu.edu) or at my office phone 594-5906.

Sincerely,

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