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To: Graduate Admissions

Department of Criminal Justice

San Diego State University

Moriah Roberge has asked me to write a letter of recommendation in support of her application for admission to the Criminal Justice Master of Arts Program at San Diego State; I am delighted to do so. I have known Moriah for three years and in the time that I have known her I have been extremely impressed with her academic ability and maturity. Moriah 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 Contemporary Social Theory, an upper division required course. Moriah received an A in both courses.

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

As I said, I have known Moriah for three years and during that time she has proven to be highly intelligent, and also to be a very mature for her age. I believe that she would be able to handle graduate work at any level, will be successful in any profession she chooses and will be a wonderful representative of the program. I highly recommend her 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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