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Dear Members of the Promotion Committee:

I am writing to enthusiastically recommend Dr. Juan Carlos Castillo for promotion to Full Professor at the Universidad de Chile, where he is currently Associate Professor of Sociology. I am lucky to have known Dr. Castillo for over ten years, during which we have exchanged ideas on several important research initiatives.

Dr. Castillo has made major contributions to the field of sociology through his research, teaching, and leadership. In particular, he has been an instrumental figure at the Center of Social Conflict and Cohesion Studies (COES), the organization through which Dr. Castillo has invited me on several occasions to collaborate on research projects and conferences. His ability to foster international collaboration is extremely impressive and reflects his commitment to advancing sociological research around the world. I know that he has also been involved with the University of Konstanz, among other universities in Germany. And I have invited him to collaborate with me at CUNY, where I hope he will be able to visit in the coming year.

Dr. Castillo's specific area of research concerns the timely topic of economic inequality. He has done extensive research on attitudes about economic inequality, for which he is internationally recognized. For instance, I recently invited him to be a co-author of a paper on preferences for reducing economic inequality involving an international team of leading researchers from seven countries. Additionally, Dr. Castillo's work has practical implications for understanding market dynamics and the possibilities for social change and economic justice.

I have also learned about Dr. Castillo's dedication to his students and innovative teaching methods, which, alongside his leadership in the academic community, make him an extremely strong candidate for Full Professor. Indeed, I would say that his promotion is overdue; I have no doubt that it will benefit both the Universidad de Chile and the global academic community more generally.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

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