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To Whom It May Concern:

I am an assistant professor in the Department of Computer Science at University of Illinois at Springfield (UIS). This letter is provided at the written request of Kruthika Girish to verify her employment status and research contribution.

Kruthika is an international graduate student at UIS Computer Science department. I knew her from a course I taught in Spring 2020 and I was impressed by her excellent academic performance and strong interest in research. She was appointed as a research volunteer in a part-time and unpaid position during her legal Optional Practical Training (OPT) internship. She worked with me for a research project involving software design and implementation by using deep learning techniques. Her job duties include but not limited to some data collection and software implementation. Her appointment was scheduled to begin from April 1 to August 15, 2020. However, due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, our research progress was accidently delayed to some extent. Kruthika is a self-motivated student and she has strong interested in conducting our research project. She volunteered in extending her appointment till November 1, 2020 to complete all her work and to well handle the handover work. I really appreciate her time and effort in this work! I believe Kruthika would perform competently with her future work and has potential if challenged. I wish her succeed in her future career.

Sincerely

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