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To: Professor Benti

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I am honoured and humbled to write a letter of support for Raji Ashenafi Mamade.

I have known Raji for about three years. I came to know him very well when he was a student in my General Topology and Modern Algebra - II courses. Beyond the courses I am fortunate to discuss with Raji about the history and philosophy of Mathematics as he has the believe that to know the subject one has to also know its history.

His performance exceeded even graduate level student (in the final exams of the two courses mentioned above I included graduate level questions as a bonus question where only Raji answered those questions with brilliant arguments). He always came to class prepared and was clearly far above my preparation for the course in understanding and appreciating the course which I observed after each class when he explained it to me how that particular mathematical topic is useful in understanding concepts in physics. As an example in Modern Algebra-II class after the lecture on topics in group theory he explained to me how those topics were useful in Quantum mechanics and even encouraged me to read topics in Quantum mechanics to appreciate more the beauty of group theory for which I am grateful.

I have especially impressed and surprised by Raji's determination and sparkle. Raji is a dedicated student to pursue study in theoretical physics using mathematics as a tool. He is an Oromo physicist, mathematician and philosopher with beautiful soul.

Raji will go to the Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) to attend a one-year program there and then, after one year, Oh My God, Thank you Jesus! To MIT, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, to pursue his PhD in theoretical physics.

Appreciate American education system where room is there for all brilliant people and wish Raji all the best in his future endeavour.

Sincerely,

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