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To whom it may concern,

It gives me great pleasure to recommend Ms. Zhang Yichao for admission to your program. As a professor of School of Economics, I have known Ms. Zhang for nearly two years. As her supervisor of the Final Year Project (FYP) of her Economics degree, I think she is a dedicated, gifted student who is sure to excel in your graduate school.

Ms. Zhang is an intelligent learner with outstanding ability of independent research and critical thinking. For her fine performance in the FYP, she was nominated to join the Excellent Project Competition and she decided on a challenging topic for her graduation paper as the Formational of Reasons for European Sovereign Debt Crisis and its Reference for China. To study a on-going major financial crisis which has affected a large number of important world economies, the timely update of data and analysis was of critical importance for her research, and a great number of statistics and examples were needed to support her paper. Hence, she took initiatives to communicate with many teachers for possible suggestions and inspiration, and collected a large number of data through various resources including relevant books and publications from university library and Internet.

In her stage of data collection, she kept close contact with me to discuss the scale and depth of collected materials. She followed my suggestion to collect usable statistics and commentaries from daily news articles home and abroad, and make timely constant adjustments to the research angles and outline of her paper. She was the most hard-working student in my group, and she saw steps ahead of her peers the importance of initiatives and independent learning. There was one time when she was not sure about the concrete influence the debt crisis may have on China, instead of reaching out to me immediately, she took the initiative to look for agreed opinions from several earlier analytical articles; together with her knowledge in international trade, she independently concluded the gradual impact on China through China-EU trade.

Her preliminary research facts and data analysis demonstrated her flexibility in thinking and creativity in reading and analyzing problems. Despite the challenge the FYP presented, she managed to complete the paper in time and come up with some really thought-provoking results. Her paper received a very high appraisal from the FYP academic board for its exquisite perspective.

She has impressed me profoundly with her academic seriousness, talent and modesty. She is always curious, and serious about any question to which she does not have a definite answer to. She likes to share her understandings and opinions with teachers and classmates for further suggestions. For her diligence, she is always on top of her class, with excellent performance in home assignments and tests.

In my interaction with Ms. Zhang, I am impressed with not only her extraordinary intelligence but also her ambition and persistence. I am positive that she will make an outstanding student for your distinguished program. I would like to recommend her to your university without any reservation. Your serious consideration of her application will be greatly appreciated. If you need more information regarding her application, don't hesitate to contact me at lzb603@hotmail.com.

Sincerely yours,

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