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To whom it may concern:

To help quantify how important it is when I say that among the scholars at the Governors School of Engineering and Technology program, Tanishq Aggarwal in particular stood out, consider the following. Every school district in the state of New Jersey is allowed to nominate 1 student for every 325 in their junior class, and even then, only about 25

I can only speculate as to what motivates him to work as hard as he does, but my belief is that it stems from a deeply seeded curiosity about the way in which the world works, and the satisfaction of knowing that when he sets his mind on something, almost anything is possible. When Tanishq approaches a problem, he brings one hundred percent of his capabilities to bear. Imagine you are in a spaceship hurtling towards Earth. The guidance system is down, and someone needs to calculate re-entry parameters by hand. Tanishq Aggarwal is the guy you want doing that.

In a team dynamic Tanishq's passion and enthusiasm are infectious, by example of his hard work alone he was able to bring the best out in his teammates as well, truly elevating the experience for everyone. Tanishq willingly chose to work on the aspect of the project about which he had the least experience so that he could expand his skill set. This flexibility and intuitive ability to see learning as a reward make him an asset to whatever team he may find himself on in the future.

I truly believe that Tanishq Aggarwal's abilities and personal characteristics, especially his enthusiasm for learning and dedication to excellence make him uniquely qualified for admittance to MIT. With a mind like his, and an education like the one you are offering, the potential is truly endless. I hope that I have been able to convey the indelible impression that Tanishq has left on me, and express my sincerest belief that he would be a wonderful addition to your university. If you have any doubt as to whether or not his enthusiasm, determination, and abilities would make him anything less than the ideal candidate, please feel free to contact me by phone at (201) 953-2312, or email at

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Sincerely,

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