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Dear USCIS Officer,

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)

Re: Letter of Recommendation for Nigel Dsouza (O-1A Petition)

Dear USCIS Officer,

I am writing this letter in enthusiastic support of Nigel Dsouza's petition for the O-1A visa, which is designated for individuals with extraordinary ability in the sciences and technology.

My name is Francisco (Javier) Herrera, and I am a Software Automation Engineer currently working at S-Nimbus, where I contribute to large-scale testing infrastructure and automation initiatives under the Department of Defense's DMDC program. With a background in quality engineering, framework development, and DevOps-aligned testing strategies, I have spent the past several years optimizing software delivery pipelines for mission-critical government applications.

Although I have not worked directly with Nigel, I have become familiar with his technical reputation through peer networks and professional discussions. I've also had the opportunity to review his published automation strategies and cloud infrastructure contributions — and I can say with confidence that his work demonstrates a level of expertise and technical originality rarely seen even among senior engineers.

What stands out to me about Nigel is his leadership in Terraform-based infrastructure automation, CI/CD pipeline design, and disaster recovery frameworks using AWS-native services. These are not routine engineering tasks — they require forward-thinking system design, risk management, and an ability to anticipate edge-case failures in high-stakes deployment environments.

In particular, Nigel's approach to combining IaC (Infrastructure as Code) with automated DR solutions shows both innovation and maturity. His methods reduce time-to-deploy, minimize human error, and provide recovery guarantees that align with enterprise SLAs — which is exactly the kind of capability that distinguishes extraordinary engineers from very good ones.

From the perspective of someone who builds and teaches test automation frameworks professionally, I can confidently say Nigel's solutions reflect a depth of thought, industry impact, and technical sophistication consistent with what the O-1A visa is designed to recognize.

His contributions have influenced others beyond his immediate teams, including myself and demonstrate the field-wide recognition USCIS looks for when evaluating extraordinary ability in technology.

I strongly and unequivocally recommend that USCIS approve Nigel Dsouza's O-1A visa petition. His continued presence in the United States would support ongoing innovation in automation and infrastructure reliability and help elevate the professional standards of our industry. This letter is offered voluntarily, without compensation and reflects my honest and independent opinion as a professional in the field.

Please feel free to contact me directly if any additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

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