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Dear Committee:

My name is Jim Coykendall, and I am a Professor of Mathematics at Clemson University. Aman Garlapati, a student in mathematical sciences, asked me to write a letter on his behalf, and I am pleased to do so.

Aman is one of our undergraduate majors in mathematical sciences (with a computer science emphasis) here at Clemson and he has done very well in our program, amassing a 3.81 GPA and has worked out side of the classroom both in research and education.

During his time here, I have had the opportunity to become acquainted with Aman in three major theaters: the Math Club, the Mathematical Sciences Problem of the Week, and one of my classes.

The Math Club and the Problem of the Week was my first contact with Aman and I was favorably impressed. Aman is one of my more regular undergraduate participants in the Math Club (he is also frequently one of the students who asks questions at the end and I have always admired this curiosity that seems to drive him). In fact, since going virtual over the last couple of semesters, Aman has become even more regular and the couple of times that he was not able to make it, I received email asking for the YouTube link. Aman has also been a very regular participant in the Problem of the Week. In this regard, I would put him in the second tier, behind my very most energetic and enthusiastic participants.

Last semester, I had Aman as a student in my Math 4120 (Algebra I) class. Aman was a very solid student and was fully engaged in the class. Although the subject was a bit removed from the mainstream of his interests, he was in the highest tier of the class with respect to effort. As a student, he may have been the one in class who learned the most and that is always gratifying to see.

In closing, I think that Aman Garlapati has been a very strong, blue chip student for us, and I recommend that he be recognized for his hard work and achievements.

Sincerely yours,

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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