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Dear Committee:

My name is Jim Coykendall, and I am a Professor in the School of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences here at Clemson University, and it is my pleasure to be able to write to you on behalf of Evan Haithcock.

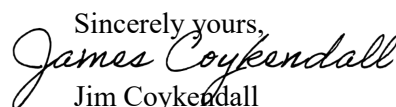
I first met Evan in the fall of 2018 when he was a student in my Math 4560 (topology class). From day one in my class, I was impressed with his ability, drive, and motivation. As a student in my class, Evan was formidable; he was one a top-three performer in one of the best undergraduate classes that I have ever had.

In the fall of 2019, Evan was (at my invitation) a student in my Math 8510 class. This class was the largest algebra class that I have taught in my career (there were 20 graduates and 5 undergraduates in the class). As before, Evan logged an impressive performance in the class. He finished with a strong "A" and I think that this is impressive as the undergraduate students in this class tend to carry a heavier class load.

It is also worth noting that Evan has been a leader in all the classes that he has had with me. He worked with several groups within the class and in all these circles in which he circulated, he played a visionary role in the group problem-solving. This speaks well not only of his ability in mathematical sciences but also of his ability to perform well on a team. It is also worth noting that this, as well as his impressive research accomplishments (including a recently accepted paper in the MAA Monthly) were big themes in my letters of recommendation to graduate programs.

Evan Haithcock is bright, motivated, personable, and a good communicator who works well with others. He and I have had a number of discussions concerning his future and he aspires to graduate studies in mathematics and is focusing on becoming an academic. He shows a great deal of promise and has already delivered impressively on his promise for one so young in his career (at the time of my letter to graduate programs he had given four talks and had four papers in the preprint stage or further). I recommend him most highly!

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

Sincerely yours,

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