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To Whom It May Concern:

My understanding is that Yash More is an applicant for the opportunity to continue his research and study as a graduate student at KTH Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm. Having worked with Yash for more than two years, I believe that he has the drive, commitment, and passion for continuing his academic career and holds great capacity to contribute to the field of Machine Learning.

As Co-Founder/CEO, we hired Yash in September of 2020 as the lead frontend developer to assist our startup effort LocalLink—our goal was to provide a one-stop visual that centralizes all city projects to show, not only progression, but also the impact they have systematically. When interviewing Yash, both my Co-Founder and myself could see instantly that Yash was not only refreshingly eager for engaging with our effort, but he was both naturally inquisitive and resourceful. These traits are absolutely vital for a majority of startups, and LocalLink was no exception, because our primary goal was to bring technology and innovation to city governments.

Given the natural political and bureaucratic culture that often dulls the reputation in even working with local governments, Yash remained committed and often insightful when proposing frontend designs, functionality features, and/or strategic business suggestions. As Yash learned more about our customers, their needs, and our business model, his efforts and overall contributions in bringing life and design to our software became more refined, enabling us to continue to move forward and engage with potential customers, subject matter experts, academics, politicians, and even interested investors.

As a former and lifelong academic myself, I believe that Yash truly possesses an inquisitive academic mindset as an active learner and seeker of what's possible. For me, I spent my academic career studying the individual, how society shapes said individual, and how might we utilize technology and innovation to support those that manage our society. I believe that Yash has a similar outlook and aspirations for shaping the field of Machine Learning as he is actively looking for the appropriate institution where he can continue to engage, learn, collaborate and cultivate his passion for Machine Learning with likeminded colleagues and experts.

I firmly trust that Mr. Yash More has tremendous potential and would be a great addition to the KTH cohort of 2023.

Sincerely,

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