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Dear Admissions Committee,

As the dean of the School of Big Data and Software Engineering, Chongqing University, I hereby recommend one of our most outstanding students, Ms. Xinru Wang, for admission to your distinguished graduate program. Four years ago (Fall 2019), I taught her the Fundamentals of Computer Programming course. Despite the rigor and difficulty of this course, Xinru still achieved 86/100 in the final exam, ranking one of the top 10 students. However, academic record alone cannot possibly exhibit how Xinru distinguishes herself from her peers: She is a practitioner. Up to now, she is already a seasoned software engineer at one of our country’s most prominent tech companies, Meituan, which you might know as the Chinese equivalent of Groupon or Yelp. Xinru’s position in such a leading company constitutes strong evidence of her technical prowess and practical acumen. Even in your rigorous program, Xinru will thrive.

I also want to emphasize Xinru’s personal quality. She is a good communicator and always has a proactive attitude to achieving her goal. For instance, during the annual department transfer review interviews, where she aimed to transfer to our School, her self-introduction swiftly captured my attention. Compared to her peers, she had a clear vision and a strong determination regarding her life’s direction. Also, she excelled in our three-round foundational competency assessment, standing out among the candidates and earning our approval. Her responses to technical questions convinced me that she had actively pursued additional learning in computer fundamentals outside the classroom. Based on our evaluation of the projects she completed at that time, we were convinced that Xinru possesses a profound aptitude and potential, which, with systematic learning in the future, can be honed further. So, I personally wrote a recommendation letter for her to the registrar, supporting her exceptional transfer into our School.

Lastly, understanding that Xinru’s undergraduate GPA might not be overly impressive, I would like to offer an explanation. During her junior year, Xinru hoped to take on additional courses with the aim of graduating in only three years so that she could embark on her professional career earlier. In fact, Xinru ambitiously enrolled in up to 50 credits in a single semester. However, an unforeseen issue related to our university’s regulatory reform impacted her final grades in multiple courses. In multiple courses, she was not allowed to earn the usual class participation marks, only having the marks in the final examination, which lowered her overall scores. However, this by no means indicates that Xinru is not intellectually capable or academically dedicated. I hope the admissions committee can consider this situation.

Overall, Xinru Wang exemplifies a blend of academic diligence and practical aptitude, so I recommend her without reservation. Should you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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