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To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Mr. Tanay Kumar Saha for 4 years in many capacities at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis while Tanay was a graduate and doctoral student here. I have always found him to be extremely approachable, incredibly responsive and responsible, while displaying a true respect and compassion for his fellow students. Tanay arrived as a graduate student in the Fall of 2012 and while working diligently at his studies also became involved in campus life.

From 2013-2014 Tanay served as an International Graduate Welcome Volunteer with the Office of International Affairs. The International Graduate Welcome Volunteer Program (GWVP) is a team of IUPUI graduate students that volunteer their time to help new international graduate students coming to IUPUI. The mentors are selected by the Office of International Affairs, and trained to assist new students in many areas such as understanding American culture, dealing with cultural adjustment and learning about the campus. I currently oversee the GWVP and assisted with the program while Tanay was a volunteer. Tanay has always been committed to helping incoming students to IUPUI and in addition to volunteering with the GWVP he also helped other students find housing and get settled upon arrival.

In 2014 Tanay served as the treasurer for the Asian Student Union. While the majority of the membership of the Asian Student Union is undergraduate, Tanay brought a wealth of maturity to the group through his service. Tanay wrote a grant request for the ASU's annual CollaborAsian Event and I worked closely with him once he was awarded the funding for the project. Once again, Tanay's sense of responsibility shone through as he was diligent in making sure the group worked within the constraints of the university protocol in regards to the grant funding.

As more and more Bangladeshi students arrived on the IUPUI campus, Tanay, along with a small group of students, founded the Bangladesh Student Association at IUPUI and later served as the president of the association. I serve as the faculty/staff advisor to the Bangladesh Student Association and have had the pleasure of working with Tanay as the association planned their annual Pahela Baishakh Cultural Event. Once again, Tanay's leadership was evident in the event's success. Tanay also served as a member of the School of Science Graduate Student Council in 2016-2017.

I write this letter to highlight the many significant contributions that Tanay Kumar Saha has made to the IUPUI campus that might not be included in some of his more academic and technical accomplishments. I believe that he will be a valuable addition to any campus community.

Sincerely,

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