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To Whom it May Concern,

In my work as an earthquake and tsunami scientist I've seen Ole Nielsen progress over the past 13 years from a programming/numerical modeling role to a senior position as leader of scientific computing at GA. Ole has always deeply impressed me as a strategic thinker who is remarkably effective, not only in looking over the horizon to identify the important changes in computing that will advance our science, but in convincing those around him that changes can and must be made. Ole has brought about a profound change in the culture of scientific computing at GA, from one that feared change and was obsessed with security, to one that focuses on meeting the needs of its scientists. Ole's knowledge and depth of expertise in scientific computing is second to none, but it's really his formidable interpersonal skills that make him the kind of exceptional leader any institution will be lucky to have.

Sincerely,



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