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To Whom It May Concern,

I am honored to write this reference letter on behalf of an outstanding current student, Cody Hilton, who is a student of mine in my Introduction to Criminal Justice course at Salt Lake Community College in the Department of Criminal Justice. In this course, he is always on time, organized, prepared, thoughtful, and willing to help others. Moreover, for the mid-term in my courses all students must organize a civic engagement event, his class organized a feeding and clothing donation for houseless/homeless people at a downtown park in Salt Lake, Utah.

I have had the pleasure of working with Cody in a number of student events. He is a member of the Utah Criminology Student Association. As an advisor, I have shared a number of skills with him such as social media, organizing events, facilitating meetings, and community outreach. Cody in my course and in student programming has co-facilitated workshops, classes, meetings, and brainstorming sessions.

Cody is an outstanding leader on and off the college campus; he is personable, caring, outgoing, professional, and helpful. I can confidently say that Cody is one of the best students I have had in my twelve years of teaching at ten different colleges. He is highly respectful, willing to be challenged, and an extremely hard worker. Further, he has excellent writing, critical thinking, and interpersonal communication skills that will benefit any program, agency, company, or organization. Having taught at a number of universities, including Syracuse University and SUNY Cortland, and having guest lectured at others such as UCLA, Georgetown, American University, NYU, Cornell, and Yale, I can honestly say that Cody is an exceptional learner and student leader. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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