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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to offer my highest personal recommendation of Zexuan Liu. Mr. Liu worked as a teaching assistant in my Economics 1113 (Principles of Macroeconomics) course. He did an outstanding job.

The course is taught in a ‘mass lecture’ format. I lecture twice a week with the third discussion hour being taught by TAs. With 500 students, I have found that fielding questions is not an effective teaching technique. Consequently, the teaching assistants play a critical role in helping students understand the material. Mr. Liu was especially adept at playing this role.

As my TA, Mr. Liu was responsible for lecturing, answering questions, keeping office hours, and grading exercises, quizzes, and exams. He performed these tasks expeditiously and efficiently. Students have described his grading as “hard but fair” and his explanations as “good and clear”. In addition, he would arrange review sessions before each exam; extend his office hours; and generally go the ‘extra mile’ to help his students.

Concern for his students, however, is not Mr. Liu’s only attribute. He teaches with an intuitive approach that emphasizes the ‘common sense’ logic of the economic models. He provides examples and applications that reinforce the relevancy of the material. He is always searching for more compelling ways to present the material to his students. Based on his subsequent performance as a macro instructor, he is finding those ways.

Mr. Liu possesses the characteristics of an outstanding teacher. He is demanding and rigorous but empathetic and patient. He is bright enough to deal with the brightest students and smart enough to deal with the mediocre students. Most importantly, he recognizes and truly values the teaching mission of a scholar.

I recommend Zexuan Liu without reservation. If you would like to personally discuss his teaching qualifications, please let me know.

Yours truly,

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