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To Whom It May Concern,

RE: Robert Schlaudecker, Ph.D.

Rob Schlaudecker has asked me to write a letter of recommendation supporting his application for a position at your facility/institution. I am pleased to do so.

So that you might better understand the bases of my remarks, let me say that while he was earning his MA and Ph.D. in the Psychology Department at Duquesne University, Rob was a student in four of my graduate courses. Moreover, I was privileged to direct his dissertation.

Curious, lively, and energetic, Rob invariably impressed me with his enthusiasm for thinking about/discussing psychological issues, especially clinical topics and the ways in which we live, and are lived by, our bodies. He is an intelligent young man who can be insightful, as well as sensitive and caring. One of the courses that he took with me was an advanced practicum in psychotherapy. His presentations of his clients, and his discussions of other students' clients, revealed his ability to think clinically. If this is the path that he will choose, then I have no doubt that he will become a fine therapist.

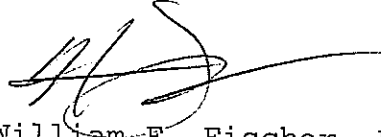
Although it was something of a struggle, Rob produced a commendable dissertation. His ability to effectively utilize the qualitative research methodologies that we teach in the Psychology Department at Duquesne was a significant asset. I am proud to have directed it.

As should be evident from my comments, I have a respect for Rob's abilities, as well as a fondness for his styles. I believe that he will make a genuine contribution to whichever institution/facility he joins. His warmth and engaging manner will be a plus for students (if he enters academia), as well

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as for colleagues. I recommend him without reservation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'W.F. Fischer', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

William F. Fischer, Ph.D.
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