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To Whom It May Concern,

I can say nothing less than the word "brilliant" to describe Cate Ward. As a wordsmith, I rank her at the very top of my thirty year teaching experience. High-performance, discerning rhetorical ability, independent thinking, and creativity are her hallmarks. Her writing rates at college level. In a community of highly academic, bright and articulate students, Cate's natural curiosity for learning, and her inherent intelligence make her stand out.

This young woman WILL affect the world. A decisive decision maker and a strong leader, if Cate were put in charge of the government, we'd find wise changes, insightful and clever ideas, and plenty of efficient corners cut. Although unafraid to take on challenges, Cate is not the type of leader who runs for class office—she's not a popularity seeker. Yet, she instinctively knows the role of a leader, and in any group where she's a member, others look to Cate. Always willing to help, she becomes an instant asset to any class or any group. Teachers love to have Cate in class. She loves to examine ideas and debate, she keeps discussion lively and active, and she's a constant knowledge seeker. She displays high enthusiasm for learning and independence in carrying out her studies.

Cate holds an adult outlook on life and seems able to cut to the center of any problem. A very involved participant in our student body, Cate is a member of a very active National Honor Society, an excellent actress and Drama Club member, a Flag line member of our outstanding Marching and Performance Band, a member of the town's Teen Court, and a Chess Club member. In addition, she's a top player on our Varsity Soccer Team.

Personality-wise, Cate sports a well-rounded, beautiful spirit and a champion personality. She's blessed with her own style--assertive, polite, personable and interesting. She incurs school-wide respect. She is loyal, honest, giving and compassionate. Cate exhibits warmth, kindness and a strong moral character. She is modest and friendly. When we need someone to lend a hand, it always seems to be Cate who is willing to help. Highly focused as well as a team player, Cate is always a pleasure to have in class.

Cate plans a career focus in the areas of political science, government, and humanitarian ventures. I am deeply impressed by this young woman and I cannot recommend her highly enough. I am confident that no matter what college she attends, no matter what major she selects, no matter what career or position in life she chooses, Cate Ward will excel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia Couture". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "C" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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