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Dear Admissions Committee,

I am writing in support of David Tobin's application to pursue graduate studies in mechanical engineering. David was a student of mine during the spring semester of 2016, in a course required of all Mechanical Engineering majors: "Writing for Science and Technology." Whether writing a detailed set of instructions, or a lengthy report, David was extremely attentive to the parameters and expectations of the assignment, and precise with his language. His work consistently set the bar. Were I to teach that course again, I would use David's assignments as models to show students what to strive towards.

Beyond his written work, he possesses a poise and ease in his public speaking rarely found in undergrad students. His investment in securing meaningful and productive summer internships reflected his high level of motivation and achievement, and I'm not surprised to learn that he has excelled in these competitive positions. Additionally, I believe David's presence in the class was one that conferred an example of preparedness and professionalism that can extend from the classroom into the working world.

The "Writing for Science and Technology" course culminates with an intensive group project. A twenty-minute presentation is accompanied by a forty to fifty page written report, and the presentation is delivered to their peers, but also faculty members in the Mechanical Engineering Department. This final project asks students to identify a problem on the University of Wyoming's campus, and to propose a solution, with detailed justifications, recommendations for implementation, assessed costs, etc. David and his group proposed the use of ipads and e-book versions to mitigate the prohibitive expenses of engineering textbooks. Their idea was original and relevant, and David is a natural leader. His group successfully delivered a meticulous and persuasive presentation.

David's work in my class demonstrated a dedication and conscientiousness that I know he will bring to any endeavor. He would be an asset to any program and institution, and I recommend him wholly.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [luosofsk@ucsc.edu](mailto:luosofsk@ucsc.edu).

Yours sincerely,

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