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To Whom It May Concern,

It is my honor to write a letter of recommendation for Mr. Allister H. Butler. As a colleague, peer, mentor and friend I have worked with Allister over the past several years at the University of Minnesota. Holistically, Allister is the most outstanding individual I know.

Allister's most admirable attribute is his intense capacity for people. His passion and commitment toward humanity in general, and his students specifically, is extrusive. His presence and aura impacts people in an amazing way. Having witnessed his effect on students through his teaching I must conclude that his genius for teaching is something few in this world could match and one which I intensely admire and crave. His worldliness, personal life experiences and his capacity to understand and challenge others translates into a brilliance in teaching that cannot be matched.

In every situation in which I have had the opportunity to observe or experience Allister, his intelligence, passion, honesty, integrity, directness, willingness to challenge the socio-political norms and his ability to self-evaluate have been conspicuous. These natural, ever-present attributes make him a most unusual, yet phenomenal, social work practitioner and educator. They are his core and constitute his ingenuosness.

In teaching, research, practice and fun, Allister will be committed, present, enthusiastic and in a magical and pervasive manner impact his surroundings and the people within those surroundings. It is with respect, honor and great admiration that I recommend Mr. Allister H. Butler in the capacity of teacher, researcher, practitioner and colleague.

Respectfully,



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