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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to recommend Rahul Ethiraj. My name is Janna Rezaee and I am a political scientist and an assistant professor at the USC Price School of Public Policy. Rahul worked for me as a research assistant from January through May 2019.

Rahul was an exceptional research assistant. He worked with me on projects related to the full-text transcripts from U.S. House and Senate Committee hearings over a twenty-year time period. He assisted me with data visualization, big-data, web crawling, data mining, natural language processing, data cleaning, and sentiment analysis.

Rahul has a special skill in talking across fields and disciplines—in my particular case, between computer science and political science. He is able to communicate computer science concepts in straightforward ways without jargon. Moreover, he is able to grasp onto concepts from within political science needed to understand the research tasks at hand.

Rahul is a pleasure to work with. He is extremely reliable and self-sufficient and he communicates well. Moreover, Rahul is enjoyable to be around.

In my view, Rahul is an ideal candidate for any data science job. I am confident that he would be an asset to any team he were to join. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or for further information. I can be reached by telephone at 510-332-3432 or by email at jrezaee@usc.edu.

Sincerely,

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