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To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Dr. Kyle Simpson, and I am an Assistant Professor of Music Composition here at WVU. I have been working with Christian Rhen (CJ) for the past year as his supervising mentor in his music research. CJ is in the process of collaborating with many different student musicians in the School of Music as a part of a new album he is creating. I have been working with CJ through private lessons on music material for the album and showing him different resources that he can use to gain knowledge and insight into writing for the various ensembles for which he plans to compose. As CJ prepares materials for recording, we also discuss different ways to capture the ensemble most effectively, or how to utilize specific software needed for mixing or mastering of the audio. I have been very impressed by the work CJ has been doing in this arena on his own, and I am excited to help see him to the finish line with this project. Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

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