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To Whom It May Concern:

When Timy asked me to write a letter recommendation, I was more than happy to do so. I have known Timy for over 15 years, and in that time, Timy has always been a person of integrity and a dedicated climber. My first encounter with Timy was at a small local bouldering competition in New Mexico in the early 1990s. Although Timy won this competition with relative ease, I was not as impressed with his win as I was with his encouragement of and compassion for fellow competitors. During the competition Timy not only wanted to do his best but wanted everyone else to do their best as well. Indeed, he strives for the best at all times no matter what the circumstances.

Later, Timy and I came to work together at the ESPN X Games Asia. During his four years as the head course setter (Malaysia, Korea, and China), Timy was not only dedicated to design the best routes possible for the competitions but also create routes that would be TV friendly. Timy always understood that large corporate sponsorship, like that at the X Games Asia, was mostly interested in sports that looked good on TV (if for no other reason than people would stay tuned and watch the associated commercial advertisements). Significantly, Timy was able to see the immediate needs to satisfy requirements for a job such as the X Games Asia, but more importantly, he was able to see how what he might do at such an event as the X Games Asia could impact the future of sport climbing worldwide. Timy has vision, and that is a rare and precious quality.

While Timy has moved onto larger challenges than the X Games Asia, I am confident that he will bring the same level of professionalism to whatever he decides to work on. I hope that our paths will cross again soon.

Sincerely,

James N. Waugh