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To Whom It May Concern:

Mary Dawson was employed by the State of New Hampshire in the State Police Forensic Laboratory for eight years from 1999 to 2007. During her period of employment at the Forensic Laboratory, Mary consistently performed in an exemplary manner. Throughout her years in the forensic DNA and serology (which included blood spatter interpretation) sections of the laboratory, she maintained a keen interest and thorough grasp of the scientific concepts that were used to process evidence seized in connection with some of the most heinous criminal investigations in the state. Mary displayed the ability to independently think and act throughout her time with the laboratory. She exhibited professionalism in all aspects of the duties assigned to her, often volunteering for assignments or special projects. She was a valuable resource and possessed the ability to mesh extremely well with all the laboratory staff.

Mary also served as the Safety Officer of the laboratory for the majority of her service years. Again, she consistently provided great forethought in her decision making. Mary brought many safety aspects of the laboratory up-to-date with current regulations and standards.

Based upon her past position as a Criminalist with the New Hampshire State Police Forensic Laboratory with over eight years experience, the possession of a Bachelor's degree in Biology, the possession of a Master's degree in Forensic Science, and demonstrating personal traits and characteristics beyond reproach, I would highly recommend Mary Dawson for consideration of future endeavors that involve general forensic science, forensic biology, blood spatter and specialized safety training needs.

I have also kept in regular contact with Mary for the years following her leaving state service and I am confident that the above-mentioned traits and knowledge base are still valid. Should you require any additional information from me, please do not hesitate to contact me at (603) 223-3854.

Sincerely yours,

Timothy J. Pifer,
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