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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great enthusiasm that I recommend Faith Cotter for any position she seeks in the world of letters.

The reason I heartily endorse any path in writing or communications she pursues is that I've watched her develop over the past two years at Point Park University. Her rapid ascent as a reporter and writing and her devotion to her studies in the School of Communication here, make me sure she will accomplish great things in the short-term future and throughout her professional life.

Ms. Cotter first caught my eye in a Sophomore-level interviewing and reporting class where students were obliged to publish at least a dozen stories in the school newspaper or elsewhere. She not only exceeded that requirement, but did so with a flourish of feature and news stories that elevated her to the position as the best student in the class. In fact, she won first place honors in a feature lead writing competition that was judged by news professionals.

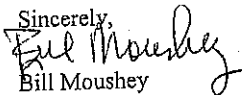
Unlike most fledgling journalists, Ms. Cotter immediately showed ability as a writer, but what set her apart from others was her eye for detail and ability to use all of her own senses to bring life to stories. She was able to do that with a wide range of stories, including a touching piece about survivors of cancer. I also had the pleasure of having Ms. Cotter in my Law of Mass Communication class where she fully participated in classroom discussions while achieving an "A."

She did so well in those courses, I encouraged her to get involved with the Innocence Institute of Point Park University, a journalism-based innocence project I founded a decade ago. Once again, Ms. Cotter flourished. She has quickly learned many of the issues and causes of wrongful convictions. In only a year, she has diligently uncovered specific issues in cases that one day might lead to exonerations. As a writer, she has reduced complicated legal jargon-laden cases to readable narratives in both updates on some of the 15 exonerations the organization has been involved with as well as long-form stories about allegations of wrongful convictions. She also has helped finish stories started by other students before they graduated. All of her work can be found at www.innocenceinstitute.org.

In short, Ms. Cotter is one of the most dynamic students I have worked with at Point Park. I believe she will be highly successful at any endeavor she chooses in communications. I encourage you to provide her with an opportunity. You will not regret it.

Thanks in advance for contacting me at 412-392-3416 or via Bmoushey@pointpark.edu if you have any further inquiries for me.

Sincerely,



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