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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Alexander McQuilling and I am a junior at Harvard College. I have known Andrew Kempe since my senior year of high school at the Carol Morgan School in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Mr. Kempe has played an important role in my academic and personal development. He has been an important mentor to me since senior year, which is slightly surprising because he never actually taught me in class.

I first met Mr. Kempe on a senior trip to hike Pico Duarte. Pico Duarte is the tallest mountain on the Eastern seaboard and a fairly challenging three-day climb. I spent the majority of the trip hiking with Mr. Kempe and a friend of mine. It was an incredibly enjoyable trip on account of the great conversation and debate that we had together. Mr. Kempe took an interest in my academic and career goals and helped me brainstorm ways to ultimately achieve them. This mentorship process continued after the trip and is still ongoing. Mr. Kempe is invested in my success and periodically checks in to make sure everything is alright in my life. I never imagined that I would have formed such an important relationship with someone who was not even my teacher, but I am incredibly grateful that it occurred.

Mr. Kempe is an exemplary individual. He prides himself on being a resource and mentor for his students. He is proactive and makes sure that his students have all the necessary support to thrive. He is also intellectually curious and always excited to continue learning. He is currently taking coursework in International Relations at the Harvard Extension School in order to learn more about global politics and to incorporate this material into his teaching.

I am certain Andrew Kempe will have a positive impact on your school community. He will have a profound effect on your students' academic success, but more importantly, he will also be incredibly concerned with their personal and emotional well-being. Your students will directly benefit from the interest, concern, and enthusiasm that Andrew Kempe brings to teaching and the

greater school community. If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at [avmcquilling@college.harvard.edu](mailto:avmcquilling@college.harvard.edu)

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A V McQuilling', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Alexander V McQuilling