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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Reference for Lesa Lichuk

I have known Lesa Lichuk since 1990. I met her in my Grade 9 Literature class Andrew School in Canada. She enjoyed writing and impressed me with her deep thinking. We shared common interests in art and philosophy, and she became a friend.

We have remained in contact by phone, email, and visits in the many years since then. Lesa studied radio and worked as an announcer in several different Alberta cities, playing a variety of music types.

Lesa has always valued education and constantly works to improve herself. In 2000, she completed the two-year Advertising and Public Relations Diploma at Lethbridge College in only one year. She is the only person to ever accomplish this.

She moved alone to those places, and soon made friends with colleagues. When she worked at Edmonton's Easy-Rock 104.5, I was able to listen to her show on a regular basis, and enjoyed her voice qualities and radio persona.

At 28, Lesa took the challenge of going back to school to take television arts. She was nearly a decade older than most her classmates. However, she found their common ground and earned their respect.

I have been impressed with her ability to concentrate and to see the big picture. She has had to find the resources within herself to face considerable challenges. She remains optimistic even when situations get difficult.

Lesa is very personable, and enjoys learning about others' experiences. She is curious about what motivates people, and finds ways to ask without prying. She has varied interests, not only in music but also in art, photography, books and sports.

Lesa is loyal to her friends and colleagues, and also has a strong sense of independence and adventure, as evidenced by her move to Bristol. She works hard without losing her sense of perspective, and can relate to people of all ages and walks of life. I would highly recommend her to your attention as an employee and colleague.

Sincerely,
Her former teacher,

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