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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to recommend Iva Boishin for a position as a tutor with the [REDACTED]. Iva was my student in French 399X, an intensive three-week study abroad course in southern France in the summer of 2015. This course allowed me to interact with her in an academic setting, but also within the context of extensive travel, excursions, and cultural encounters.

Iva is the ideal candidate for this position, as excellent language learners make for good teachers, and I can personally testify to Iva's dedication to studying another language. Many students do not take these short-term study abroad trips seriously, blowing off the work in order to party overseas. Iva continually applied herself diligently to every task. She is exceedingly intelligent and motivated and naturally interested in analyzing the cultural exchanges happening around her. Iva exhibited openness to new cultures and encounters that made her experience especially rich. In addition to our group and planned activities, she sought out additional ways to make the most of her time abroad, taking extra classes, traveling by herself or organizing trips for others on the weekends, and often choosing cultural pursuits over relaxing afternoons at the beach. Whereas some students just coast through the three week trip, Iva actively pursued as many ways as possible to make the most of her time in France, even staying beyond the end of the trip to explore on her own.

Beyond her aptitude as a student and intellectual, Iva is genuinely a fun person to be around. She treats everyone with respect and dignity, even when they are being difficult. I observed this quality numerous times on our trip, as international travel leaves many people exhausted and with poor attitudes and Iva was always one to brighten our group and encourage others. She enthusiastically participates in all activities and her humor and excitement help engage other students as well. She is self-reliant enough to not need any handholding, yet friendly enough to contribute positively to group dynamics.

I cannot imagine someone better suited for teaching children a language. Her natural inclinations and strong work ethic make me confident that she will approach this opportunity with eagerness to learn and openness to experience. The qualities I observed while abroad with her prompt me

to heartily recommend her for ECC with zero reservations. I hope that she will receive favorable consideration for this program.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any further questions.

Sincerely,
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