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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to recommend Becca Colehower, a sophomore Communications Studies and Politics and International Affairs double major at Furman University, for an internship in Speaker Paul Ryan's Washington, DC office. Furman University is a private liberal arts college in Greenville, South Carolina. I first met Becca when she enrolled in my Political Analysis class in January 2017. I am her academic advisor for Politics and International Affairs.

Becca is a strong student with impressive analytical skills. In my Political Analysis course, Becca demonstrated the ability to critically think and synthesize information. Becca wrote a quantitative research paper on the relationship between religious affiliation and public opinion of the Supreme Court. She demonstrated a clear communication style, which would be beneficial in this internship. As part of this class, students participated in a semester-long group project. Becca organized the efforts of the group and displayed her leadership abilities. I was impressed; Becca excelled in this course and earned an A-. Her performance in my class is consistent with her achievements in other Furman classes and is evidence of her academic acumen and maturity.

Becca has internship experience. This semester, she is interning for a DFS Creative Concepts, a local public relations firm. She has been able to apply her knowledge of communications and political science to this experience. I have no doubt that she is doing a great job. Becca has also demonstrated leadership skills outside of the classroom. She is an officer for her sorority and a volunteer at her church. All of these worthwhile experiences mean that Becca will be ready to meaningfully contribute to your office through her internship. She is able to complete tasks above what is normally expected of undergraduate interns. Beyond her intelligence, maturity, leadership, and ability to work with a diverse group of people, Becca has a very cheery and positive attitude. She will enhance any work environment she enters. As a faculty advisor for Furman's Washington Center Program, I believe Becca is a great fit for this internship. I fully recommend Becca Colehower's application for this internship with no reservations. If I may be of further assistance to you as you make your decisions or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at david.fleming@furman.edu or by phone at (864)-294-2360.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David J. Fleming". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "F" at the end.

Dr. David J. Fleming
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Furman University