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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Ryan Williams. I had the pleasure of coaching and teaching Ryan, and I have seen him grow and mature into a very capable student-athlete.

As a baseball player, Ryan has worked tirelessly on his skills in and out of the season and improved tremendously over the past three years. His compact, powerful swing has led him to a .403 batting average (2nd on the team) in his second varsity year while leading our team in hits, doubles and runs – all from the leadoff position. He was always reliable when we needed him to come through, something that shows he is calm under pressure.

Ryan's 6'0" frame provides a lot of room for him to fill out and mature physically. His arm strength is excellent, and he also has great range fielding his position. He is the best defensive player I have ever coached. Ryan's solid defense (46-48) has proven to be a great asset at shortstop. He was also recognized for his baseball skills by other coaches in the league with an all-star selection this season (First Team All-Conference). Ryan was also selected to play for the Carpenter Cup team for our county, a team sponsored by the Philadelphia Phillies that competes against all-star teams from the area.

Ryan is also extremely coachable. As a sophomore, our team needed a second baseman. After playing shortstop for most of his athletic career, I asked him to switch to second base. As a "team first" player, Ryan said yes before I could even finish the question. Ryan seamlessly transitioned and excelled at that position helping lead our team into the postseason.

As a student, Ryan is a leader in the classroom (3.41 GPA). As a Student of the Month award winner, he has been recognized for his academic achievements beyond the baseball field. Ryan's work ethic on the baseball field translates in the classroom. As his English teacher, I was able to see him take great care and effort with all of his assignments.

In short, Ryan is a great teammate, peer and leader; he is a person who is successful under pressure in baseball and beyond. If you need any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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