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To Whom It May Concern:

I have had the privilege of knowing Mr. Preshit Ambade since August 2017. Since that time, he has been the Teaching Assistant in two of my courses for both undergraduate and graduate students: Strategic Planning and Public Health Policy and Management in the Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health at the University of Arizona. While I have retired as a health care executive and as an assistant professor, I continue to enjoy teaching for the University (UA). Mr. Ambade has been invaluable as a teaching colleague and contributed greatly to the success of the three classes in which he has been my TA. During this time, Mr. Ambade also completed his Certificate in College Teaching at the UA, which allowed me to benefit from the insights he gained as part of that program.

All my courses are team-based, and Mr. Ambade took an active role as an educator, including helping me develop the teams over the course of the semester. In addition to providing me with advice, he prepared several assignments and took the lead during three class sessions. These included guest lectures on "Participatory Rural Appraisal Techniques" and "How to Write Policy Briefs." Both lectures were well researched and included interesting short videos and graphics. Mr. Ambade followed them with engaging, team-based exercises for the students to complete in class. While the students were working on the case studies, Mr. Ambade served as a coach, helping them to dig more deeply into the problems. The feedback from students about Mr. Ambade's teaching was uniformly positive.

I have come to know Mr. Ambade as a hard-worker and dedicated individual. He is exceptionally well organized and proactively makes recommendations for improving both the content and administrative processes pertaining to my classes. He has participated in a variety of activities that required him to work with individuals of different ages, backgrounds, and cultures. In each of these endeavors, Mr. Ambade responded with the utmost respect for others, and adapted well to the needs of those around him.

I believe that Mr. Ambade has a unique combination of skills and abilities: his education and work in India, plus his graduate study and work in the US give him the perspective to understand and solve complex problems. More importantly, as an educator, Mr. Ambade has demonstrated the ability to translate complex knowledge clearly, in a way that students can easily comprehend and apply.

Sincerely,

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