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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Matthew Ramsey and I am an Assistant Professor in the Department of Cell and Molecular Biology at the University of Rhode Island. I am writing to enthusiastically recommend Ben Hanson for medical school. I met Ben ~3 years ago when he was a sophomore student in my Introductory Microbiology course. Ben performed very well in the course and was an eager participant in class. The next year he began undergraduate research in my lab where he worked for around 1.5 years.

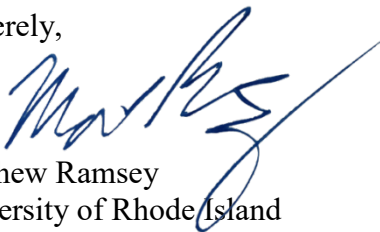
Ben has been a great presence in the lab. He's very easy to communicate with and importantly with new students, quite ready to admit when he needed instruction to continue. I and my graduate students have enjoyed having Ben here. He is punctual, consistent with his work and takes care to let others know if his schedule has unanticipated changes. Ben has a very easygoing attitude and I can't imagine he'd have a hard time getting along with his peers in almost any situation. I could see Ben performing quite well in a competitive high-stress environment while maintaining a professional demeanor.

In my laboratory Ben picked up skills quite easily and will be a secondary author on a publication we are putting together to submit within the next 2-3 months. Ben's contributions included validation of several results we obtained by a separate technique. His consistent effort in producing a high volume of data helped us confirm our findings and his assistance was crucial for finishing the project.

In terms of intelligence I would rank Ben in the top 10% of students I have worked with. In work ethic I would place Ben in the top 5% and in terms of emotional maturity I would place Ben in the top 1% of students who have worked in my lab and taken my courses. If Ben had decided to pursue a PhD I would not hesitate to offer him a spot in my lab but I believe he would also succeed in more prestigious programs.

I fully and enthusiastically recommend Ben for a position in medical school and I am certain that he will rise to any challenge and be successful. I hope that you would all share my enthusiasm for Ben and have the opportunity to meet him.

Sincerely,



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