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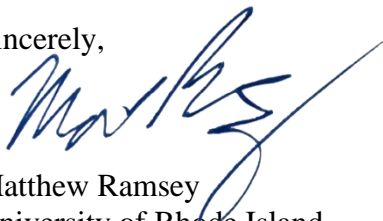
To whom it may concern:

My name is Matthew Ramsey and I am an assistant professor at the University of Rhode Island in the Department of Cell and Molecular Biology. I am writing to give my highest possible recommendation for Dr. Evelyn Takyi. I first met Evelyn in her 1st year in our graduate program in my “Microbiomes and Biofilms” course and later served on her graduate exam committee.

Evelyn immediately made a good impression throughout her performance in my course where she excelled and was always prepared / came with good questions. I was later again impressed seeing her present her microbiome/probiotic research in our graduate seminar series. Evelyn is an extremely consistent high-level performer who has a level of maturity and composure well beyond her direct peers. Her verbal and written skills are top notch and I think she will be immediately successful in a microbiome-oriented research program, especially one that allows her to deal with more mechanistic intervention related approaches and get beyond just sampling and analysis. Evelyn has been an asset in our department and has personally helped myself and one of my students troubleshoot some R-based code for beta-diversity analysis that we still use in our current pipeline today. In personal conversations I was impressed with Evelyn’s cheerful disposition and easygoing, quiet and confident nature. She would be an excellent person to have as a coworker and collaborator.

I would rank Evelyn’s maturity and work ethic in the top 5% of trainees in our program and her verbal and written skills in that same level. I would not hesitate to have Evelyn join my group as a postdoc or research fellow if that was an option. I am certain she will perform well in the future and rise to any challenge presented to her. If you have any specific questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,



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