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To whom it may concern,

My name is Matt Robichaud. I am a senior software engineer at Deep Trekker. I had the privilege of being Kevin's supervisor, during his co-op term here at Deep Trekker. Kevin has been one of the best co-op students we have ever had. His dedication to his work in terms of timeliness and quality of work is fantastic and was invaluable during his time at Deep Trekker. Kevin began working as a member of the web team, starting off with simple UI components. As time went on, it became evident that Kevin was not only ready for more complex task but also eager to do so. We set Kevin up to start implementing input logic for our application and he really began to excel in the role from there. Notable features that Kevin developed for was migrating a complex database into an indexed structure, implementing a business-critical waypoint management system, and fixing a variety of behavioral bugs found within the code. Speaking strictly on metrics, Kevin completed 3 times as many tasks as our last co-op (66 Jira tickets!!!). Even with all these impressive features that Kevin developed, he still yearned for more. Midway through his term, he made a request to also work on some backend projects, mainly the advent of our new firmware structure via ROS.

Kevin's impact on our application cannot be understated. Kevin worked very closely with the project lead and was able to exceed the lead's expectations. Despite some challenging work, Kevin was always able to go above and beyond regarding completing the tasks assigned to him. His cheerful demeanor also led to some very positive collaboration with other team members. Kevin would routinely be in a friendly mood, and I cannot recall ever seeing him upset or frustrated with any tasks. His eagerness to learn was also apparent. Kevin acted independently for a first-year co-op and was able to find solutions on his own with little to no help from his peers. Comparably to other co-ops, where we'd have to essentially teach them these skills, Kevin flourished with little need for guidance or exterior motivation. Alongside all the other great traits that Kevin exhibited, he truly was an outstanding co-op student and an invaluable asset to Deep Trekker.

In conclusion, Kevin will be an incredible asset to any team that is lucky enough to have him. I am very fortunate to have had him on my team, and I expect great things from his career. His attitude, self-drivenness and work ethic put him well beyond his peers and with more experience he'll be an absolute powerhouse of a software engineer (or whatever he sets his mind too).

Best regards,
Matt Robichaud

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew Robichaud". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Matthew" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Robichaud".

Deep Trekker - Senior Software Engineer