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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Dennis J. Harting. I have gotten to know Dennis quite well over the past three years. Dennis has taken several courses in the Kinesiology curriculum that I teach, and has spent countless hours in the Department of Kinesiology assisting faculty with department and student club projects.

Dennis J. Harting has impressed me with his academic performance as well as his understanding of what the teaching profession is all about. Besides performing very well academically, he exhibits a high level of skill, tremendous leadership, and teaching ability. Dennis is very pleasant to work with and has a great rapport with fellow students, faculty, and staff.

As a beginning professional, I am impressed with Dennis and his understanding of how students learn. He also has the ability to adapt quickly in various situations which is an important quality for a physical educator. While teaching physical education last semester at Kastner Intermediate School in Clovis, CA, Dennis was awesome from day one. His lesson structure, management skills, and his persona were outstanding. Although only in the early stages of his teaching career, Dennis already exhibits many traits of a seasoned professional educator while providing each of his students with a quality physical education experience.

While enrolled in my physical education methods course (CI 161) Dennis participated in class discussions that focused on teaching strategies designed toward meeting current state physical education standards. Throughout his final student teaching requirement, Dennis applied many of the topics and strategies discussed to his teaching experience. As a final project for the course, Dennis was videotaped teaching one of his physical education classes. The video project allowed both Dennis and me to see the progress he was making in class management, instructional strategies, and planning techniques.

In sum, I highly recommend Dennis J. Harting for a career in teaching. He has a strong desire to learn and appreciates the benefits of a good education. He is open to suggestions that would improve his teaching skills but at the same time isn't afraid to challenge methods or ideas that concern him. These traits, combined with his personal integrity will serve him well within the teaching vocation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Thomas C. Minnicar".

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