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To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to take a moment to offer a strong recommendation on behalf of Dan Virkstis.

As Communications Director for the U.S. Senate Finance Committee, I oversaw Dan's efforts and worked directly with him in development of communications strategies surrounding significant legislative projects and politically-sensitive issues of importance to the Chairman and Committee. Dan was a clear asset to our operation and I am pleased to recommend him and his work strongly.

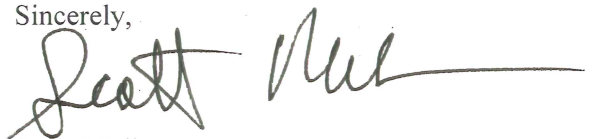
Specifically, Dan's portfolio included issues related to the tax, trade and social security areas of Finance jurisdiction. His work on each of these topics required research and analysis surrounding oftentimes dense legislation and nuanced political implications, and he consistently demonstrated an ability to effectively process complicated information and quickly repackage it to produce positive coverage and avoid controversy.

Much of the positive coverage he garnered for the Committee is a result of his superb communication skills, both written and oral and on or off the record. Dan built strong, professional relationships with both reporters and coworkers during his tenure with Committee. He also stayed cool under stress and was able to easily work autonomously, both critical qualities for success in this environment.

On a more personal note, Dan was a pleasure as a colleague. He made this office a more pleasant place to work and, while we certainly appreciated his mind and his great work, his affable good nature will certainly be missed as well. We work as a tightly-knit team over long hours each day, and Dan was a welcome presence in our office – good natured, pleasant to work with and completely focused on the task at hand.

I would certainly recommend Dan for an opening and would be pleased to answer any specific questions you may have regarding him or his work with the Finance Committee.

Sincerely,



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Communications Director