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To Whom It May Concern:

I received my Computer Science degree from the Washington University school of Engineering in 1999 and Paul Discher helped me on many occasions during my time at the university. My first encounter with Mr. Discher was in an introductory electrical engineering class he taught. The class was one that he had designed and it was one of my most enjoyable classes of the semester. While that was my first and only class with Mr. Discher, it was by no means the last time I would see him.

On many occasions I would head two floors down from the Computer Science department to the Electrical Engineering department and drop in to Mr. Discher's office in order to get his advice on one engineering project or another that I had cooked up and needed to verify. He was always patient with me and would answer my questions, even though I was not enrolled in any of his classes or even in his department. He also assisted my team and I during a robotics competition hosted at the university of Illinois (at which were the highest placing team from our school).

If I were to categorize my relationship with Mr. Discher, the best way I could phrase it would be a hobbyist-mentor relationship. I was not seeking a degree in Electrical Engineering but I had an interest in the field nonetheless, and Mr. Discher's help further encouraged my tinkering.

I hope that I can serve in some capacity as a reference and if you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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