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To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing this letter of recommendation for Tara Walker Lyons. Tara has been a force in the field of child abuse prevention across Montana. She has spoken for Emma's House Children's Advocacy Center during our Child Abuse Prevention month event before 50 professionals that work with kids and at our annual fundraiser before over 400 community members, introduced by Montana Attorney General Tim Fox at both events.

Her bravery is astounding. Tara has taken her personal child abuse experience and turned it into a message of hope and healing. Most people who experience child abuse never talk about it, much less in front of an audience of strangers. She is a poised, powerful speaker citing her personal story and experience with the criminal justice system at the time. Her message is directed towards educating her audience on many aspects of a child abuse; about the signs and symptoms of child abuse, how to talk to kids about body safety and empowerment and improvements in the investigation of child abuse.

I would recommend Tara as a speaker to all ages and professions. I feel that she is always conscious of who she is speaking to, by tailoring her speech to her audience. She takes her role as an advocate for children and their safety very seriously and has a clear understanding that adults are responsible for protecting children. She is a unique speaker with incredible passion, understanding of the long term effects of child abuse and compassion towards those who are vulnerable to abuse.

Sincerely,

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