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To Whom it May Concern,

Please accept this letter as my personal recommendation of Lowcountry Academic Consulting, LLC in their development of a beneficial program to assist students with learning disabilities as they transition from high school to post-secondary education in the South Carolina region. This valuable resource has the potential of positively impacting a multitude of students and their families. Lowcountry Academic Consulting is a highly regarded support service for students as they embark on the next phase of their academic careers. President, Courtney Lawrence and her staff bring a wealth of first-hand knowledge of the main areas of concern for learning challenged students and have already positively influenced the outcome of so many individuals in their academic journey. The dedication, compassion, and professionalism demonstrated by Lowcountry Academic Consulting is absolutely second to none.

As a health professional, I can attest to the benefits of the well-rounded program that Lowcountry Academic Consulting is striving to develop and implement. Receiving a diagnosis of a learning disability can be extremely traumatic for any child and family. Often, there are other comorbidities, which compound the difficulties these individuals will face throughout their lifetime. Anxiety, depression, isolation and low self-esteem are just a few examples of the negative consequences that can ensue. There is no quick fix or cookie cutter approach to correcting these issues. However, students should never be defined by their limitations. Instead they should be equipped with the tools necessary for success early on to prevent negative outcomes. Navigating the transition from high school to college can be a tumultuous period for any mainstream student for a variety of reasons. However, a young adult dealing with a learning disability faces layers of challenges during an educational transition, which can become an insurmountable obstacle. The stress that ensues can wreak havoc and health concerns for all involved. Therefore, empowering learning challenged students with practical strategies for managing these stressors is key.

My son, [REDACTED] is only three weeks away from earning a Bachelor's Degree in Biology with a minor in Anthropology from the College of Charleston. While every parent feels proud about their child achieving this major milestone, I can assure you that for our family this will be one of life's greatest joys. [REDACTED]'s post-secondary academic journey took several twists and turns over the years, which resulted in academic probation during one semester. Needless to say, it was a very low point for him on many levels. Intellectually, [REDACTED] is capable of incredible things, but was struggling with fully executing his plans. He also was hesitant about requesting the accommodations he previously was granted. Based on the recommendations of other College of Charleston parents, we enlisted the help of Lowcountry Academic Consulting for organizational and time management strategies, study habit training, self-advocacy support and academic major counseling. Within a few weeks, [REDACTED] was thriving again and motivated in his pursuit of a college degree. His grades never faltered again and his confidence surged. Most importantly, he finally felt equipped with the tools necessary to navigate through his college education. It was an incredible period of growth and personal achievement, which he never

thought possible. We truly feel that [REDACTED]'s success over the years was largely influenced by the assistance of Lowcountry Academic Consulting. Without hesitation, I firmly support their efforts in developing a curriculum for providing these necessary tools to other learning challenged young adults facing the transition to post-secondary education.

Sincerely,

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