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Dear Admissions Staff,

I am writing to offer my strong recommendation for the admittance of Emma Piorier to your institution. I have served as Mayor of the City of Saint Paul since 2006. During my reelection campaign in 2013, Emma served as an intern on my campaign, where I had the chance to work closely with her. On our campaign we took on five interns, most of who were college students or graduates. The exception was Emma, who was 14.

Emma was a standout in our office because of her positive attitude, her inquisitive thirst to learn new skills and take on new challenge, and her impressive maturity for her age. Although she originally committed to only a summer internship with the campaign, she became a central part of our team through Election Day.

One story from her internship particularly stands out, exemplifying her commitment and her character. After being hit by a car while riding her bicycle to the office for her shift with the campaign, her father picked her up from the scene of the accident and drove her to the hospital. On the road to get treatment for a broken collarbone, she insisted her father pull over to call my campaign manager to report that she wouldn't be in to work that day. This showed just how determined to honor the commitment she had made to my campaign. And the next day, bruised and in a sling, she refused to miss work and was right back in the office making phone calls.

Throughout her work she showed incredible leadership, bringing enthusiasm and passion to all her work. She helped set a positive atmosphere in my office that drew in additional volunteers and helped bring people back because of the positive experience. She quickly grasped my teams political strategy and ensured our community engagement included outreach to all in our community - especially students and youth groups in the community.

Two years later, between her Sophomore and Junior year of high school, Emma took what she learned on my campaign to the next level. She managed - as the only paid staff - the reelection campaign of one of my colleagues on the City Council. There aren't many 16-year old campaign managers around town, but she competently and professionally ran a top-notch and successful campaign.

I still see her around town at various Civic events. As she looks at schools, I am hopefully she will return to Saint Paul after college. She is a person that I would like to see help lead our city in the future.

Sincerely,

Christopher B. Coleman

Mayor