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To whom it may concern;

I have been asked by Michael Louter to submit a recommendation on his behalf. I have known Michael personally and professionally for four years and I am glad to give him my enthusiastic support. Simply put, I do not believe you can find a better person or a better Coach to lead your program.

In 2002, I agreed to become President of the Alabama Soccer Association and I served at the state, regional and national level for three years. Growing soccer in Alabama is a huge challenge and like most states, one of the most contentious program areas is the state ODP program. After a lengthy review of Alabama's ODP program, it became clear that new leadership was needed. Our search for an ODP Coaching Director led us to Michael. Bringing him into the Alabama program was the best soccer decision I have made in seventeen years of active volunteering in youth soccer. As I checked his references (both provided by Michael and others sought out on my own) I was amazed by the unconditional recommendations Michael received from everyone I talked to. I can now add myself to those who can vouch for his knowledge, his judgment, his character, and his commitment to helping others.

In my long involvement with soccer, I have literally come to know scores of talented and dedicated volunteers, administrators and coaches. If I was given the task of starting a new soccer program, at any level from recreational youth to professional, and was told I could pick only three people to help insure success, Michael would be one of the three.

I hope you will give Michael strong consideration.

Sincerely,



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