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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with pleasure that I write this letter in support of Tera Eider's candidacy for the position of Instructional Design Coordinator, @ONE/OEI at Mt. San Jacinto Community College District. I have been fortunate to work with Tera for over five years, as we both have been deeply involved with the development and implementation of the @ONE Online Teacher's Certification Program. The @ONE project is a professional development project sponsored by the Chancellor's Office.

I first met Tera when I was co-directing the project and was also an instructional dean at Mt. San Jacinto College. @ONE was responsible for planning and implementing the Online Teaching Conference in California, and Tera was a vital member of the team that produced the conference for several years. At that time I found her energetic, effective, and thorough as she assisted with the planning and also presented workshops at the conference.

Since then, I have relied on Tera to work with the @ONE project as a course developer and instructor. She is incredibly innovative and brings a fresh approach to teaching. She completely understands the needs of the students we serve in the CCC's and has that passion for reaching them that I so appreciate in the best teachers in our system.

Effective teaching online requires a deep understanding of successful teaching and learning practices that greatly enhance one's ability to teach both online and face-to-face. Tera has that understanding. She is currently working with the @ONE project in a lead role for the development of the Online Education Initiative's professional activities. Her ability to teach faculty and students is invaluable for our colleges. Her commitment in a teaching capacity would be what is best for faculty and students.

In all, Tera is energetic, enthusiastic, brilliant, innovative, and committed to teaching and learning.

Sincerely,

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