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Address

To Whom It May Concern

Letter of Recommendation – Ifeoma Ozodiegwu

The purpose of this letter is to formally and publicly commend Dr. Ifeoma Ozodiegwu for her excellent guest lecture at my graduate class on Global Health Delivery, which took place in the last academic quarter on February 27th, 2020. Dr. Ozodiegwu exceeded my expectations in her preparation for the class, resulting in one of the highest student engagement scores for that quarter.

I feel compelled to go on the record with my praise because I believe that Dr. Ozodiegwu deserves it. When I invited her to lecture on the malaria global health delivery case, Dr. Ozodiegwu accepted without hesitation, and prepared very informative and engaging PowerPoint slides for her presentation. It was evident through her preparation and leadership in class that she was extremely knowledgeable, and truly enthusiastic about sharing her expertise in this domain. She coordinated with the Class Teaching Assistant and I to outline and plan the class format and learning activities. We were both sincerely impressed with the quality of her presentation and the initiative she took to identify engaging learning activities.

What was most evident to me through the process of working with Dr. Ozodiegwu was her openness to constructive feedback. For instance, she insisted that I critique her presentation and made arrangements to have the students anonymously evaluate her performance as a lecturer and discussion facilitator. The students' reviews of her preparation for the class were impressive. For example, one student shared that Dr. Ozodiegwu was: *"Very knowledgeable and knows the material very well. Helped*

guide discussion and facilitate and stimulate topics". There were also several positive reviews of her presentation and facilitation skills including this one by a student: *"I appreciate that you really wanted us to process & discuss on our own"*. Dr. Ozodiegwu was extremely insightful in her discussion facilitation, and it was no accident that students received, on average, their highest discussion and engagement grades of the quarter in Dr. Ozodiegwu's class. Moreover, Dr. Ozodiegwu was very receptive to areas of improvement identified by students, and even went as far as commending the students for their honest opinions of her performance.

Dr. Ozodiegwu's generosity with her time, her commitment to student mentorship and receptiveness to feedback, and her strong class preparation and performance show me that she has the potential to be an exceptional mentor. She is an incredible asset to the Institute for Global Health at Northwestern University, and I am confident she will be such an asset in any future position. Once again, I commend her for impressive performance.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ashti Doobay-Persaud', with a stylized, flowing script.

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