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To Whom it May Concern,

It is my pleasure to write this letter on behalf of Erinni Binikos. I worked with Erinni when she was a student at East Stroudsburg University and taking courses in the Special Education and Rehabilitative and Human Services Department. Erinni completed several classes that I taught including Assessment and Evaluation and Positive Behavior Support. Additionally, I received the opportunity to supervise Erinni's honor's thesis research project. I have known Erinni for over four years and am aware of her abilities as a student and an educator.

I truly enjoyed having Erinni in class. She stands out as a student who was always prepared for class, involved in group discussions, and fully engaged in our class sessions. She asked questions when wanting more information, worked well with others during small group activities and showed a genuine passion for the field of Special Education. Working with Erinni on her honor's thesis was a wonderful experience. She conducted a research study in a childcare setting and compared different approaches to behavior support based on what she witnessed as a childcare worker. She was inquisitive throughout the entire process and conducted a systematic research study. Even though it was not required, Erinni decided to enter her research paper into our university-wide research symposium. This required her to go above and beyond to create a poster and present her work to her peers and faculty.

In addition to having a strong academic record (evidenced by completion of the university honor's program) and successful performance in the field, Erinni was active in many student groups including the Student Government Association, the Council for Exceptional Children and Sigma Pi Epsilon Delta, the honor society for special education majors of which she took a leadership role as an officer. Additionally, Erinni worked in the field in a childcare center for the last several years prior to student teaching. She has also been active in her church and has worked to initiate an Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) group on campus.

Based on my work and interactions with Erinni, I believe that she is an excellent candidate for a teaching position. She has a great deal to offer and would be an asset to any school. Should you have any further questions, I can be reached at 484-241-1340 or cdipipihoy@esu.edu.

Sincerely,

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