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To Whom It May Concern;

I am writing this letter in regard to Ryan Skinner whom I have know for over 10 years through our relationship at the Woburn District Court and the H.E.A.T. Program (Heroin Education Awareness Task Force). Ryan has made tremendous strides overcoming many obstacles in his journey to manage his addiction and maintain sobriety. Ryan has put his life back together even though many people had serious doubts and had given up on him. Ryan's accomplishments personally and professionally, speak volumes about his character and motivation to pay it forward. He has taken accountability for his troubled past and has dedicated a significant amount of time and effort leading others toward a clean lifestyle of sobriety. Ryan is making a positive difference and I respect the fact that Mr. Skinner shares his past experiences with so many young people in the hope of preventing even just one young individual from becoming another statistic in the battles versus this horrific addiction.

Thank you,

Vincent J. Piro, Jr., Chief Probation Officer