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To Whom It May Concern;

I am writing this letter on the behalf of Ryan Skinner. I first met Ryan approximately eight years ago. I was assigned as Detective Lieutenant of the Woburn Police Department and Commanding Officer of The Southern Middlesex Regional Drug Task Force. The S.M.R.D.T.F. deals extensively with Narcotics and Vice related crimes. Like many who have faced the trials and tribulations associated with addiction, Ryan has worked extremely hard and has personally overcome numerous obstacles in his struggle to control his addiction and maintain sobriety. Ryan's determination and perseverance has allowed him to again put his life in good working order, not only personally but professionally as well. Ryan reflects continually on his past life and its' associated troubles. Today, after a considerable time being clean and sober, Ryan is often seen counseling troubled and addicted people, many making the same poor choices that once plagued his own life. I most recently attended the H.E.A.T. Conference in Woburn, where Ryan gave a very genuine and heartfelt presentation to addicts, family members and attendees, time lining his personal experiences of the plummet to rock bottom, and the daily struggle back to being a productive member of society, and making a positive difference in his own life, as well as others.

Respectfully,

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