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To whom it may concern:

I have been asked to write a letter of reference for Maia Mongado, a senior at Sharon High School (SHS). I have known Maia since September 2016, when she was an outstanding student in my Honors Chemistry class. The following year, Maia was an outstanding student in my AP Physics 1 class. This year, Maia is an outstanding student in my AP Physics C class. I also know Maia as the advisor to the SHS chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS). Maia is such an exceptionally motivated member, I chose her as my treasurer for this academic year. I am giving my highest recommendation that Maia be admitted to your institution for the 2019-2020 school year.

I have been teaching for thirty-three years, and I was completely overwhelmed by Maia's superior ability, competence, maturity, resourcefulness, awesome leadership skills, and her desire to aid her community. Maia demonstrates an enormous amount of self-confidence and enthusiasm for everything she does. Maia learns independently and asks thoughtful questions for clarification. All of Maia's work is far and away the very best in my AP Physics C class. Maia enjoys learning, and she is a joy to teach. I often have Maia make a solution set for the assigned problems for each unit; she pays close attention to detail and rarely makes mistakes. It was difficult for Maia to choose between AP Physics C and AP French (the two classes take place at the same time), but I am pleased that she decided to take another year of physics. However, Maia's amazing academic ability is not the thing I admire the most. She is one of those amazing students who you teach only once in a lifetime, but I am even more impressed by her leadership skills, and her ability to accomplish tasks with no guidance.

With over 100 members in our NHS chapter, we have numerous fundraising projects taking place each week of the school year. NHS treasurer is a demanding, time-consuming position, not to be taken lightly. The treasurer has to be at every fundraising event to oversee the collection of funds, the treasurer's name is at the top of every NHS member's fundraising proposal, and the treasurer keeps track of all NHS events and projects. I chose Maia for this position because she is exceptionally responsible, organized, and competent. I meet with Maia outside of class on a daily basis to deposit funds and discuss upcoming fundraising events. It is due to this ongoing close association with Maia and the three years that I have had her in class that I can say that I know Maia better than any teacher or advisor at SHS. Aside from my president, Maia is my most dedicated and trusted officer.

Knowing Maia outside of class, I know how well she budgets her time for homework, projects, her volunteer work, and her extracurricular activities. Maia is a member of the SHS Concert Chorus, a cantor at her church, an active participant in SHS theatre (lead part), a member of SHS a capella, and a member of the Foreign Language National Honor Society, in addition to treasurer of NHS. Maia has also been involved in several projects to aid people in developing countries. Having had Maia in class for the past three years, it gives me great pride that she is able to excel in my demanding classes and still do all of her extracurricular activities.

Maia demonstrates excellent character and has shown tremendous personal growth throughout high school, in addition to being an excellent student. She is an extremely confident, mature individual, and she is ready for the challenges that she will face in college. I have enjoyed working with her, and admire her ability to organize and motivate people to help in a variety of worthy causes.

In closing, I very highly recommend that Maia be admitted to your institution. She will make a tremendous return on your investment based on her brilliance, her maturity, and her leadership abilities. Maia will be one of your top students of 2019-2020.

Vision, Mission, and Core Values

Sharon High School strives to be a respectful, caring, dynamic, and inspirational learning community.
We offer our students the academic, civic, and social tools to be informed, thoughtful, and effective contributors to a globally connected world.

Perseverance ~ Responsibility ~ Integrity ~ Dedication ~ Excellence

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Sincerely,

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