Dear Colleague,

Thank you for agreeing to write a letter of recommendation on behalf of the applicant to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Epidemiology Elective Program (EEP). The EEP introduces medical and veterinary students to applied epidemiology, public health, and global health through hands-on experience and mentorship by CDC epidemiologists. More information about this program is available at: www.cdc.gov/epielective/.

We appreciate a frank and objective evaluation of the applicant. Please address the following items:
- Indicate your relationship to the applicant (e.g., employer, supervisor, teacher, dean, faculty advisor).
- Indicate the period of time you were associated with the applicant.
- Include comments and examples in response to the following questions that draw upon your interactions with the applicant:
  - What are the applicant’s major areas of interest in the medical or veterinary field?
  - Can the applicant clearly express thoughts orally and in writing?
  - To what extent is the applicant:
    - intellectually curious and resourceful?
    - a rational decision maker?
    - tactful and constructive in personal interactions?
    - respectful of others (e.g., peers, support staff)?
    - self-directed and independent, yet willing and able to work as part of a team?
    - able to work under pressure?
    - willing to take the initiative when appropriate?
- Indicate whether you would be willing to employ or re-employ the applicant if you had an opening requiring the general professional level and profession of the applicant. If yes, in what capacity? If no, please provide reasons.

For this student to be considered for EEP, your recommendation letter must be in a PDF format and uploaded to the application portal by the deadline. The direct link to upload your recommendation letter will be provided to you in an e-mail from the application system. Your prompt response is greatly appreciated.

Please direct any questions to us at epielective@cdc.gov.

Sincerely,

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