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To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Artemio Garcia Jr. (Art), for almost three years now and have worked together in a number of projects. I am currently Art's LPC board supervisor and have seen him grow immensely since I initially met him at The Center for Health Care Services (CHCS). Art has always taken his career very seriously and is passionate about his work and the clients we serve and works with, a level of maturity that belies his age.

I first noticed Art's dedication when he came to me and requested additional work duties, in order to enhance his own skills and be prepared for later opportunities for advancement. After discussing his career goals, we created space for him to become a clinic trainer in the Children's Behavioral Health Division. The curricula he created to meet state-mandated training needs was so exceptional, I submitted it to DSHS and it was adopted as the state-wide model.

Art is passionate about his work as a professional counselor and as an administrator working with a diverse group of other professionals. It is difficult, often, for clinicians to transition to a supervisory role, but he did so with exceptional skill.

Art is preparing to submit for full licensure and complete his final requirements for his PhD. He is committed to program development that is focused on evidenced based practices and statistically supported outcomes.

As his current board supervisor, and previous program administrator I can also speak to his counseling and advocacy skills. I look forward in continuing to work with Art and seeing him continue to grow into leadership positions where he can support our local community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Faith G. Harper, PhD, LPC-S