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To Whom It May Concern:

I write this letter to recommend Walt Townes Vote 18 Program. Walt came to our school to present workshops for freshman Government elective classes. His program presents challenging concepts through active learning, providing the students with an impact experience that made the material apply directly to their lives. The founding of our country can seem so distant from the present, and Vote 18 makes the issues relevant in a creative and engaging way.

The exercise focusing on a mock election was a particular highlight of the event. The students were fully focused on the activity, and the speeches that the candidates gave were thoughtful and reflected respect for themselves and the responsibility of representation. I have never heard those four students speak so clearly and confidently as they did when listing their positions and encouraging their peers.

The lasting impact of the exercise was most visible on their final exams for the unit. A number of students referenced material from the lesson to answer questions about the Constitution. They were able to use content from the lesson to provide examples to support the points they made. A number of students named Vote 18 as the highlight of the unit; as one put it, "Walt's visit was a ton of fun, but we also learned a lot that's useful."

Sincerely,

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