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To Whom It May Concern,

I am a highly motivated student, graduating in May 2024 with a Bachelor of Science in Social Work and a minor in Criminal Justice from Longwood University. My educational background, combined with my 500-hour internship experience at Albemarle County Department of Social Services in the Family Support Unit has provided me with a strong foundation to continue my development as a social worker. During my internship, I have had the pleasure of interacting with numerous families to provide services that families voluntarily agree to accept. Many of the families I have served are non-English speaking, enabling me to expand my experience with diverse client populations. I have also developed my leadership and teamwork skills during my schooling and internship as I have taken on several tasks and new cases independently. I learn quickly and am adaptable to changing situations and priorities, making me a reliable and resilient worker. This internship has equipped me with the proper skills to engage, assess, and advocate for individuals and families. I have participated in home visits, interdisciplinary team meetings, attended court proceedings, and coordinated a dentist visit to an elementary school in my district to provide dental hygiene education.

My previous internship in my junior year at Longwood University took place at the University of Virginia Medical Center Children's Hospital. During that internship, I assisted with pediatric hematology/oncology patients and families in the clinic setting, providing emotional support, advocacy, and resources. Helping families learn how to cope and supporting them through grief and bereavement was an important part of my role. Due to the sensitive nature of the work, devoting my time, attention, and efforts to these children and their families, was paramount.

I am committed to continued growth and learning as I emerge as a new professional social worker. I am confident that my skills, experiences, and professionalism will benefit the individuals that I serve. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kellie S. Knight