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To Whom It My Concern:

I am very pleased to write to you about Steve Schuster. As a legislator for more than a decade, I had the pleasure of working with Steve during a legislative session. In Steve's capacity as a political and government reporter with the Baltimore Sun Media Group, I quickly developed the highest respect for him and his work.

Steve excels at building long lasting, trusting relationships with members of the community and sources, all of whom recognize him as being fair, tenacious, diligent, and bright. His work is consistently well written and researched, and he has the ability to present complex information in a clear and a concise manner in all formats including digital, print, blogs, and video.

Steve is an exemplary journalist with a passion for promoting government transparency and the ability to produce focused, compelling and well-balanced news stories. He possesses sound news judgment and solid critical thinking skills, good instincts, and is very talented at observing situations and uncovering the truth through his work. Needless to say, I was especially pleased, and not at all surprised, to hear about his first place award from Midwest Broadcasters Association for his 2015 digital coverage, and his recognition from the Maryland D.C. Press Association in 2011 for his Baltimore County government coverage.

Steve's professional demeanor and his ability to provide in-depth analysis while remaining balanced and objective continually impress me. I admire his resourcefulness at engaging various audiences through social media and his ability to reduce the heart of a complex government story or law to a clear and concise 140-280 character Tweet.

The skills that Steve demonstrated while working alongside several legislators in Maryland, and the skills I have observed him acquire since then as a digital communications expert, lead me to believe that he has the ability, creativity, and temperament to be an outstanding asset to your organization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Brochin".

Senator James Brochin  
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