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To Whom It May Concern,

I am Marshall Bailly II, Executive Director of Leadership Initiatives, and I am writing to offer my highest endorsement for Matthew Matusiewicz. Over the past two years, I have had the privilege of witnessing Matthew's transformative impact across the globe. His ingenuity, drive, and commitment to creating positive change set him apart as an exceptional individual.

Each year, I teach students at Harvard, Georgetown, and American University, as well as top high school students from around the world. In this context, Matthew, along with his team, consistently stands out for his leadership and ability to make a difference. Rarely have I encountered anyone with his level of tireless dedication, not only to his own growth but to the betterment of those around him, both locally and globally.

I have had the distinct honor of working closely with Matthew as part of our International Business & Development Internship at Leadership Initiatives, where he serves as the Nigerian Partnership Chair. This program pairs students with entrepreneurs in the developing world to tackle key business challenges. Matthew has worked with Usman Abubakar, a business owner in Bauchi, Nigeria, to address significant development issues within Usman's carpentry shop.

Over the past two years, Matthew and his team have made substantial contributions to Usman's business, including the creation of a new logo and branding materials, as well as a financial calendar to improve operational efficiency. They also collaborated with an international development lawyer to ensure that the business complied with Nigerian law. These efforts have had a profound impact on Usman's ability to better serve his community, reduce the cost of home and business ownership, and foster growth within Bauchi's developing economy.

Matthew's work is a model of the real-world impact that an engaged, passionate student can have. His efforts have already improved lives and empowered entire communities, and I have no doubt that he will continue to do so as he progresses in his academic and professional career.

In my experience, most letters of recommendation speak of students who have the potential to change the world someday. Matthew is different. He has already begun to do so.

I give my highest recommendation to Matthew for admission to your university. His drive

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and leadership will inspire his peers, challenge his professors, and contribute meaningfully to the academic community. Matthew is the kind of student any institution would be proud to have, one who will not only benefit from your programs but also leave a lasting impact on your campus and beyond.

Sincerely,

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Leadership Initiatives is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to helping leaders in developing communities start and expand local development projects based on the community's needs as they define them. LI works with aspiring community leaders to obtain local funding and provides skills training and continued support for businesses, hospitals, and human rights organizations.

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