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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to recommend Austin Mapston for the Montana Post-Secondary Educational Opportunities Council (MSPEOC) Board of Directors. I had the privilege of working with Austin when he and I served on the MPSEOC Board of Directors. During our time together I found Austin to be committed, hard-working, inquisitive, and an outstanding addition to the Board. I highly recommend him to serve our state.

The mission of MPSEOC is to promote higher education to students, parents and guidance counselors, with the awareness of the post-secondary opportunities available throughout the state of Montana and beyond. Austin's experience in the world of higher education makes him a qualified fit for the Board. His perspective as a representative from a private institution, as well as his position as a Dean will add a depth of knowledge to the Board, which will be critical when considering state and nationwide educational trends and needs. Additionally, his past Board experience will allow for organizational knowledge to continue, thus enhancing the Board's effectiveness and efficiency.

In my time on the MPSEOC Board, I was lucky to get to know Austin as we worked together in leadership roles and on sub-committees. He illustrated time and time again his commitment to our state's higher-education through his thoughtful, inquisitive and thorough work. Austin is meticulous, and not afraid to think outside of the box to come up with creative solutions or ideas. He brings a balance to the Board of Directors, which is crucial with the quickly-changing post-secondary landscape. He is an asset to any team, and I truly hope I have the chance to serve with him again in the future. Please accept this letter of support for Austin Mapston's application for the MSPEOC Board of Directors, and best of luck with your elections.

Best,

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