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I am writing this letter on behalf of Ms. Abigail Griffin. Let me start by introducing myself. My name is Robert DeGennaro, I am retired from the United States Air Force after serving honorably for thirty years. During my service I was a United States Air Force Security Forces member, eventually achieving the rank of E-9 Chief Master Sergeant. One of my duties as a Chief Master Sergeant was to mentor and offer sage advice to junior officers and commanders on behalf of thousands of enlisted and civilian Airmen for mission success. So, I understand the magnitude of this nomination letter.

As the head coach for Abigail's travel ball softball team and Veteran, I know firsthand that Abigail exemplifies the qualities I see necessary to successfully complete the rigors of college. Abigail continues challenges herself daily both academically and with extra curricular activities. Abby has an unweighted cumulative GPA of 4.33 and is dual-enrolled where she has successfully balanced college level curriculum and still finding the time to be engaged with extra curricular activities like Beta Club, Varsity and Travel ball Softball, as well as aiding in a special needs classroom as a C.A.R.E. Crew member. Abigail also gives her time On the practice field and band room she is a true leader that takes the time to help motivate underclassmen who may be struggling.

Abigail's bulldog tenacity and work ethic is always forefront as she consistently balances her academic, athletic, and unparalleled talent and passion for music. Her musical talent paired with old fashioned hard work are evident by Abigail's many achievements and accolades. Abby has been selected to the Okaloosa County Band every year since her 6<sup>th</sup> grade year while earning First Chair honors since 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Abby has earned membership to FMEA All State Band for the past four years placing first in the state of Florida as a member of the All State Orchestra as a 10<sup>th</sup> grader becoming the first Student at Baker High School to earn placement in the All State Symphonic Band as an 11<sup>th</sup> grader. Abby other accomplishments include student mentor at the Okaloosa County Summer Band Camp, the University of Southern Mississippi Honor Band as well as a multi instrument musician leader and mentor for beginning middle school students at Baker High School.

Abigail's parents Ashley and Josh have given Abigail a solid foundation by being positive role models to Abby and her brother Sawyer. Abigail's father Josh is USAF contractor for the past 16 years serving our nation in the civilian sector while Abby's mother Ashley serves her community as a special needs teacher at Baker K-12 school. They without doubt have instilled into Abigail a lifetime of, endless examples of hard work, devotion of self sacrifice for others. I honestly believe Abigail will make an exceptional college student and more importantly become an even more an outstanding member of society when all is said and done. Having had the privilege of serving for thirty years and leading thousands of Airmen throughout my career, I offer my highest recommendation for this exceptional candidate for acceptance into any Educational institutions she applies for.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding Abigail's character. I can be reached at [robdegennaro732@gmail.com](mailto:robdegennaro732@gmail.com) or by cell phone 850 855 7405.

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