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To whom it may concern:

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Matt Neuburg. I have long admired Matt for the breadth of his technical knowledge and his ability to convey that information to others through his cogent and concise writing. His book on AppleScript, subtitled "The Definitive Guide", could not have a more appropriate name. It is the unparalleled reference to a sometimes confusing and often frustrating scripting language. In this book Matt includes a tutorial on adding AppleScript support to applications developed for Mac OS X. This lucid tutorial enabled me to quickly add extensive AppleScript support to a utility application that I have developed called Dialectic.

During development of Dialectic, I contacted Matt to thank him for the wealth of information he has provided through his books and his prolific reviews & posts on various technical mailing lists. Of course, in contacting him, I had an ulterior motive: to somehow convince him to focus his considerable talents on my application. When Matt indicated he was available, I quickly pounced on the opportunity to hire him as a technical advisor.

Over the next several weeks, Matt combed through each and every aspect of the application, making suggestions and recommendations on ways to improve the utility. His keen eye and strongly held opinions helped to hone the software into a leaner, more intuitive application. The contributions Matt made to Dialectic were invaluable in terms of streamlining the interface, clarifying complex concepts, and catching bugs & inconsistent behavior. While I had a cadre of over 40 testers using the software during development, none came close to offering the level of genuinely helpful feedback that Matt provided.

Since its release, Dialectic has been very well received. I have no doubt that the utility would not have garnered as much positive attention had it not been for Matt's efforts. Given the opportunity, I would highly recommend Matt's services as a technical advisor & tester to other software developers.

Sincerely,
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