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**Application Related Information**

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Application:	Application Verified	Iteration Name:	202410_GR_G
Grad Program Applying To:	MPA	Program Name:	MPA

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**Recommendation Information**

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Recommended By:	Peter Bacho	Recommenders Title:	Professor
Recommenders Institution:	The Evergreen State College	Contact Name:	Kathleena Ly
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs:	I do not waive my right to review this recommendation.	Recommendation Waiver Choice:	
Recommendation Form Submitted:	✓	Recommendation Status:	Received
Received Date:	01/09/2023 12:12 PM	Recommender Assessment:	I recommend this applicant.
Recommendation Type:	General	Recommender Form:	MPA Letter of Recommendation/Form
Recommendation Entity ID:	1024000108882237	Recommendation Owner:	Josephine Bernier

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**Recommender Form Questions**

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How long have you known applicant:	2 plus years	Applicant ability as self-directed learner:	She is a very strong candidate for graduate school.
Time since last contact with applicant:	this month	Applicant as productive member of group:	She will do more than her share of any group project.
Relationship with Applicant:	former student	Applicant most significant strengths:	She is intellectually curious and capable of getting to a credible answer.
Ability to complete rigorous grad program:	Outstanding	Responsibility/reliability:	Outstanding
Communication Skills - Oral:	Outstanding	Communication skills - written:	Excellent
Service Orientation-sensitivity/empathy:	Outstanding	Ability to work independently:	Outstanding
Ability to handle stress:	Unable to Judge	Ability to think critically:	Excellent
Ability to analyze/problem solve:	Excellent	Ability to think creatively:	Excellent
Openness to feedback:	Outstanding	Potential for leadership:	Excellent
Ability to work in a team:	Outstanding	Personal/professional reflection:	Unable to Judge

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**Description Information**

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**Other Information**

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1-10-2023

To: MPA Program, TESC  
From: Peter Bacho, Adjunct, JD, LLM  
Regarding: Application of Kathleena Ly

Kathleena Ly, my former student in the Tacoma Program, has asked me for a letter of recommendation. I do so gladly. I have had her in two classes, and I am able to comment on her academic performance.

As a student, she was excellent – a mature, well organized, and focused adult learner. She is very bright and was consistently well prepared. She is also an excellent researcher and approaches each issue logically and without bias. She has a strong grounding in the impact of government policies upon the public, especially those citizens in marginalized communities.

The bottom line is that she was an outstanding student – very bright, creative, disciplined, and mature.

She is also a self-starter, possesses excellent critical thinking skills, and communicates clearly (both verbally and in writing). Her effective communication skills are a real strength in her favor. Kathleena also listens well and collaborates effectively (in this case, on group projects) with others. She thrived in this setting, working effectively in diverse groups and producing excellent outcomes. In her dealings with other students, she was always polite and generous with her time.

She is open and respectful in her dealings with fellow students, faculty, and staff. Her group project peers respected her input; faculty members and staff respect her intelligence, diligence, and sincerity.

Kathleena is an outstanding candidate for a slot in the MPA Program. She has the skills and determination needed to succeed at this next academic level. I recommend her to you enthusiastically.

Please feel free to contact me [bachop@evergreen.edu](mailto:bachop@evergreen.edu) if you have further questions