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Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Stephan Kozan

To Whom it May Concern:

I sponsor the Cornelia T. Bailey Women Who Write (CTB WWW) Club at Suncoast Community High School. In February of this year, the club was privileged to have Mr. Kozan visit virtually.

Leading up to the visit, Mr. Kozan took the time to extensively discuss the needs of my students and modify his presentation to meet those needs. It was immediately obvious that Mr. Kozan cares deeply about inspiring and mentoring young writers.

During Mr. Kozan's visit, he spoke about and answered students' questions regarding his personal experiences, the writing process, and the publishing industry. He was clearly knowledgeable and engaging, providing students with both motivational and practical advice to aid their journeys as writers.

In addition to Mr. Kozan's insight, he provided a once in a lifetime opportunity for the students: a chance to become a published writer. He hosted a flash-fiction contest that clearly was the highlight of many of the girls' years and a great boost to their self-esteem. The winner, Genevieve Willett, is passionately working on her novel "Don't Go in the Swamp" and credits the experience as part of what kept her "sane during the pandemic" and helped her connect to others with similar interests, which made her "feel a lot less alone."

The students in the CTB Women Who Write Club continue to speak highly of the experience and their desire to have Mr. Kozan return for a future visit.

I wholeheartedly recommend Mr. Kozan and his writing program.

Sincerely,

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