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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this recommendation on behalf of John Gardner. I have known John for approximately ten years and have had the opportunity to work with him closely during this entire time, first when he became a community member of the Huntington College Wind Ensemble (which I direct), and then as an adjunct faculty member of our music department.

John is a valued member of our department, performing in our ensembles (on clarinet and saxophone) and teaching applied clarinet. He has been clarinet soloist on several occasions - with the Wind Ensemble, Orchestra and for faculty recitals, and he and I have both been part of a faculty trio. John is our woodwind "expert" and is often called upon to direct sectional rehearsals for the Wind Ensemble

Huntington College sponsors a community string program, and for a few years, as time permitted, John was also the conductor for the string ensemble. In addition, John maintains an active teaching studio, giving lessons on clarinet and saxophone to several community young people.

I understand that John is in the process of updating his public school teaching certificate while also securing his role as an adjunct faculty member of Huntington College by obtaining more formal education. It is obvious to me that John thoroughly enjoys all of his musical activities, which by the way, he has more or less done "on the side" since he has a full-time business to run! So I was very pleased to learn of this decision because he is already a gifted teacher, and the public school system would very much benefit from his involvement.

John is not only gifted but one of the most gracious and congenial individuals with whom I've had the pleasure to work. He is loved and respected by all - students and colleagues alike. I heartily recommend John without any reservation!

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further help.

Cordially,

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