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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to recommend Troy Evans, who recently spoke to "at risk" students within our alternative program. Mr. Evans is one of the strongest guest speakers we have had over the years. I believe that any young person could benefit from listening to Mr. Evan's personal narrative--it is gripping, sometimes tragic, sometimes heart wrenching, but well worth the hour's time. As a former honors student and athlete, drug abuser and felon there is no segment of a school population with whom he cannot connect. He has a positive message for today's teens that is rooted in reality, responsibility and hope. And rather than being simply a story of having nothing left to lose, Troy sets an example of having everything to gain.

I applaud Mr. Evans both as a speaker and as a man. Few of us could have withstood his consequences and challenges and come out on top. His academic and professional survival is testament to his determination and commitment to change. He has chosen to actively claim his education--both from his own life experiences as well as in unique institutional settings--rather than passively receive it. He has emerged from his experiences as a lifelong learner, with a career that follows his talents.

Troy Evans brings a unique yet inspirational message to young adults that is worth hearing!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry Haggerty". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Terry Haggerty
Alternative Program Coordinator