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To Whom It May Concern:

It is a pleasure to have been asked to write on behalf of James Johnson: I am currently his head baseball coach for HQ4 Clippers 16u travel team. I have been a Head Coach in this program since 2011 and a high school baseball coach since 2009. I have been with Hopewell High School for 2 years now and work with some of the top Coaches in the Charlotte area. James and I first met my very first year with the Clippers in 2011. I have seen him grow from a youngster to a 16 year old. He has played for me every year since he was 11.

First, James Johnson is dependable and has an exceptional personality. James is usually one of the first guys to show up for practice or games and is always searching for ways to get better. He is a guy that the team also can turn to for a laugh or can carry them with his game.

Second, James is a hard worker. There are times when I show up at Hq4's facility on days we don't have practice and James is in his own cage perfecting his swing. Over the last 5 years James has been one of my staples in the line-up and usually in the middle of our order. All of his hard work is transferring into a very smooth and easy to watch ball player. It also has shown on the field by some of his accolades: From 2016 to 2017 we have played in 4 Perfect game tournaments, James was named to the all-tournament team in all 4. He was selected to play in the Perfect Game Freshman Classic in Fort Myers and was named to the Top Prospect Team and All-Tournament Team for that event. He will be going back on an invite for the Sophomore Classic this year.

Finally, James is very smart and is the definition to team leadership. In the class room James will maintain an A-B average. James will man drill specific activities when coach is working with other players. James has a very high baseball IQ and when mistakes are made I really don't have to tell him. He lets me know what was done wrong. Teammates will follow James on and off the field because of his high character and drive to win.

In short, James Johnson is a top level, hardworking leader who has the drive to become the best at what he does. He will give you 100 percent and shine on and off the field. He will make any team better during play and with leadership has the conformity to gel a team. It has been a privilege to see James grow and Coach him for the past 5 Years. James will excel at whatever he wants to do in life. I encourage you to give James Johnson's application a strong review. If there are questions regarding James, please contact me at your earlies convenience.

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Sincerely,

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