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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Mr. Stephen Schrack, who served as a student teacher in my classroom at Pennsbury High School during the fall of 2024. The curriculum taught focused on tenth grade academic World History II as well as twelfth grade honors American Government and Economic Systems. Throughout his time with us, Mr. Schrack demonstrated dedication, resilience, and a genuine passion for teaching.

Despite facing personal challenges, including medical diagnoses, Mr. Schrack remained committed to his responsibilities and showed incredible perseverance. His ability to both face adversity and balance these challenges while maintaining a strong presence in the classroom was truly commendable.

Mr. Schrack established a great rapport with the students, quickly building a positive and productive learning environment. His natural ability to connect with students and create an atmosphere where they felt comfortable engaging and participating was one of his key strengths. His approachable demeanor and enthusiasm for the subject matter inspired students to take an active role in their learning. He consistently made connections of the course content to the real lives of students. Based on Danielson's Framework for Professional Practice in the domain of Planning and Preparation, he would be rated in the distinguished category.

In addition, Mr. Schrack demonstrated a solid understanding of lesson planning, particularly within the context of block scheduling. He designed and implemented effective lessons that were both engaging and well-structured, ensuring that all learning objectives were met within the given time frame. His lessons were thoughtfully planned to enhance participation. For example, he developed a lesson incorporating AI technology that enabled students to engage in a simulated conversation with a representation of Gandhi. Students carefully formulated relevant questions and participated in a dynamic, interactive dialogue with the AI-generated character.

Based on my observations, and conversations held with him, I am confident that Mr. Schrack has the potential to be an outstanding educator. His dedication, resilience, and ability to connect with students will undoubtedly make a positive impact in any educational setting. I wholeheartedly recommend Mr. Stephen Schrack for any teaching position he may pursue, knowing that he will continue to grow and excel as an educator.

Sincerely, Nicole Roberts Cooperating Teacher Social Studies Department Pennsbury High School