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I am writing this letter to attest to the solid academic, research and analytics skills, and strong personal character of Kamryn Martell.

Ms. Martell was a B+ student in my Politics and Journalism class during the Spring 2023 semester in The Fund for American Studies program at George Mason University.

The program offers students from colleges outside the Washington DC area an opportunity to come to the nation's capital and spend a semester participating in internships and taking academic courses in economics, politics, and journalism.

Ms. Martell was an active participant in class discussions, demonstrating a sharp eye for detecting bias and shortfalls in media coverage of the presidency and Congress.

In my class, Ms. Martell showed solid research skills in analyzing local media coverage of President Biden's visit to Minneapolis in April 2023. She highlighted how heavy media coverage is when a president visits a local area and how most of the coverage is generally positive and less critical, far different from media coverage of the Biden Administration coming out of Washington.

For her Final Paper, Ms. Martell studied how the Chicago Tribune has been covering the U.S. role in the war in Ukraine, offering solid examples to support her points. She concluded that "...as the conflict continues to evolve, it is crucial for the news media to maintain their commitment to accurate reporting and balanced perspectives (to help) the public and policymakers navigate the complexities of this international crisis."

In another assignment, she analyzed and compared the tone and content of media coverage of Presidents Biden and Trump.

Overall, Ms. Martell is an eager and quick learner who deserves serious consideration in applying for jobs or furthering her academic studies.

Yours truly,

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