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To Whom It May Concern,

For the past 8 years, I have had the pleasure of serving alongside Jessica Allen Coffield in the Asheville Sister Cities (ASCI) Organization. Jessica is exactly the kind of engaged volunteer, citizen diplomat and friend you want to have on your team, and I'm delighted to support her candidacy for election to the SCI Board of Directors.

Her resumé demonstrates dedication to professional and civic life while also highlighting her propensity for leadership. She is a partner and Vice President of Client Services of the company for which she works, has served as President of the Junior League of Asheville, and on the board of Young Professionals of Asheville. She is currently serving as ASCI President. We have co-chaired and individually chaired the Saumur, France committee since 2014, and for her leadership within the organization, she was honored with the ASCI volunteer of the year award.

Jessica embodies many strengths that make her a solid candidate for leadership on the SCI Board. She is a selfless servant who carves out creative opportunities for collaboration and growth while also being one who responds to needs that arise in any situation. Last year, when a storm blew through our annual outdoor Saumur fundraiser, Jessica was the first to guide guests to shelter inside. She then went back out in the storm to salvage displays and silent auction items. When our sister city approached our committee with an equestrian photography collaboration, Jessica pretty single-handedly secured local artists willing to collaborate and curated beautiful photos to share with our sister city in Saumur. From fundraising dinners to citizen delegations and student exchanges, Jessica has proven that she is a born leader. What I admire most about her is that she leads by example and while working in the trenches with other volunteers.

Her passion for international affairs is deeply rooted in her education and continues to guide her contributions to our shared humanity. Her current role as President of ASCI will make her a valuable asset on your board; furthermore, she will offer her insightful, creative service to the SCI organization. It is with great respect for the wonderful friend and human that she is that I whole-heartedly recommend her to you.

Sincerely,

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