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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for Trisha Teig. I have worked with Trisha in multiple capacities for the last seven years. I have the honor of working with Trisha as a Doctoral student in the Higher Education Program, Teaching Assistant for the Undergraduate Certificate in Leadership Studies, and Research Assistant for the Leadership Learning Research Center at Florida State University and the last three years as a trusted colleague. Her former and current experiences working within higher education, teaching both undergraduate and graduate courses, researching connection of leadership and gender, and her overall passion for higher education make her an excellent candidate. Trisha is already a transformational force in higher education, and I am excited to see what the future brings for her and how she will continue to contribute to higher education.

Trisha is both an excellent verbal and written communicator and is consistently prepared and engaged in every conversation I have with her. I am continually impressed with Trisha's drive to continue learning and to develop her skills as a scholar and educator. She already has a solid foundation in research, but continually builds her capacity as an outstanding researcher. While a doctoral student she lead a research team at the Leadership Learning Research Center at Florida State University to look at leadership education programs in the United States and Internationally. Trisha stepped up to lead this project and guided a team of researchers to learn more about over 1,200 programs internationally. During this same time, Trisha supported the *New Directions for Student Leadership* series. In this role, she led the efforts on APA formatting and providing broad comments to issue editors.

Recently, Trisha led a team of scholars and educators to develop a book proposal around the topic of women's narratives in leadership learning. This proposal was accepted and will be an upcoming book for the Contemporary Issues in Leadership Learning Series with Information Age Publishing. This needed book will promote, highlight, and share a multitude of womens' stories in their leadership learning journeys. These narratives will accentuate stories of women of color, first generation college students, immigrants, refugees, and queer women across a variety of age groups and experiences. Trisha's brilliance, not only in this topic, but her ability to mentor others to develop their voices is essential for the success of this book proposal being accepted and in the future published.

In terms of instruction, beyond teaching multiple undergraduate and graduate courses, Trisha served as a teaching assistant to several graduate courses at Florida State University. I am certain the experience students have in these courses were better because she was the instructor. Her ability to facilitate tough conversations and explain complex concepts in terms all are able to digest is incredible. Trisha is committed to creating the best learning environment that is supportive, yet challenging. She has excelled in her role as an instructor and students have felt the impact of her passion.

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Trisha is a well-balanced, intelligent individual with an extreme amount of passion and persistency. Her characteristics include good-natured enthusiasm, determination, strong beliefs and intellectual curiosity. She brings these qualifications in every aspect of her experience, social, academic, organizational, leadership, and community service work. Trisha is an excellent leader and follower where she demonstrates a commitment to others, creativity, the improvement of community and life in general.

Best,



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