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Subject: Recommendation letter for Joan L. Brewer
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To whom it may concern,

I have corresponded with Joan Brewer since 1991, primarily by e-mail but also with a few phone calls. She has been a long-time reader and occasional contributor to my ACM Risks Forum (www.risks.org), and we have had many interesting discussions over the years. Although I have never met her personally, I certainly feel as if I know her fairly well.

Her background and experience are rather unusual, and demonstrate a significant combination of technical knowledge and social sensitivity to many of the problems that confront us. I find her insights to be very keen, and always worthy of my attention.

Regardless of any physical limitations that she might have, I believe that she could perform a wide variety of work involving computer support, testing, analysis, quality assurance, interface evaluations, and other tasks for which she easily demonstrate herself to be eminently qualified. She would work well in a volunteer capacity, although I presume that part-time employment would be more beneficial for her. If the challenges fall within her areas of interests and abilities, I think she is quite likely to do a superb job.

I strongly encourage and support organizations that manifest a serious interest in enabling disabled people to greatly enrich their lives by participating in community activities, and thereby giving back to those communities. I think Joan would benefit

therefrom, but also would contribute significantly.

Very sincerely yours,

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