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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Christopher Grabowski, Photographer/Educator

It is with great pleasure that I recommend the professional services of Christopher Grabowski. He is an outstanding photographer and educator as I have come to discover over the past 18 months that he has collaborated on an international project that I co-direct here at Simon Fraser University. Chris has advised our project on communications related issues, including a publication we are preparing to document our project and for which he has made many of the photographic portraits.

As well, Chris was instrumental in designing an outstanding educational workshop session for our project participants on the role of photography in documenting field work and communicating with passion and skill. This experience demonstrated to me that he is an experienced educator as he managed to connect with introductory photographers in a way that really inspired them and gave them specific and appropriate tools and theories to work with.

These participants reported a high level of satisfaction with the workshop and inspired our project to hold a photo contest with some wonderful contributions.

In conclusion, based on our numerous interactions over more than a year of involvement in this project, I have found Chris to be highly creative, knowledgeable and insightful. He will make an important contribution to any teaching, media relations and media production activities that he is involved with.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joanna Ashworth", written in a cursive style.

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