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To whom it may concern:

In this brief letter I will disclose my background professional interactions with Dr. Eric Lamar. I got to know Dr. Eric Lamar in the spring of 2004 when he joined the Institute for Scientific Research, Inc. in Fairmont, West Virgina where I used to work as a computational research space plasma physicist.

Dr. Eric Lamar over a period of 3 years headed a NASA funded project (CAVE) as the principle investigator. In that capacity he played an extremely important role not only as a manager of a project, but also as the only expert in the usage of the supercomputer cluster which was at the institute. I cannot find words to describe his help in other projects which demanded cluster usage, most notably in the pulsed plasma accelerator project which was another NASA funded project directed at finding an alternative propulsion mechanism (electric) than the chemical propulsion for long space missions. I myself as the task computational lead of that project was assigned to modify a large computer code from the Princeton Electric propulsion laboratory in the winter of 2005 to model the electric thruster funded by NASA Marshal Space Flight Center. Dr. Eric Lamar not only helped port that code to our cluster and did the first successful bug free simulation of the Princeton version of the code, but also helped me along the way as I modified that code in several capacities: (a) in writing useful functions that I intended to add; (b) in parallelization of the parts of the code that I was adding in MPI; (c) last but not least in data visualization.

Dr. Eric Lamar also helped me in almost any project which demanded cluster or Unix and C, C++, OpenGL utilization. He also helped educate me in many fine delicate computer related issues which helped in my other projects which included research in solar chromospheric dynamics, and global magnetospheric simulations. For example in the latter work he helped educate me on converting some of my codes written in the past using Iris GL to openGL. That eventually helped me win a grant from National Science Foundation for modeling global solar wind magnetospheric interactions.

On a personal level, Dr. Eric Lamar was an extremely reliable, friendly, helpful, cultured, broad and knowledgeable person. He and his wife did participate in all the cultural

activities of the Institute and indicated very open and interested attitude in learning new things about other cultures.

I therefore believe Dr. Eric Lamar's expertise and personality will gain any group engaged in research and in particular large scale computational research utilizing cluster supercomputers and or advanced visualization techniques using C, C++, Unix, OpenGL among other related things. If you need further questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

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