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**RE: Recommendation letter for Ms. Virginia Ginny Trauth
for the ACI-MO Chapter Luke and Billie Snell Undergraduate Scholarship**

Dear Evaluation Committee:

It is with great pleasure and pride I write this letter on behalf of Ms. Virginia G. Trauth (Ginny), who is currently an undergraduate student in Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEE) at the University of Missouri (MU), Columbia, MO. I have known Ginny for about two years as a professor in CEE. I have had the pleasure of being her instructor for two courses, Statics and Structural Analysis, where she ranked among the top 5% of the classes.

Ginny is hardworking, dedicated, and respectful to faculty and fellow students. In addition, she has a pleasant personality and good character. She has excellent communication skills and it was always a pleasure to discuss problems with her during or after class. Ms. Trauth was one of my favorite students who make the teaching and learning process productive and enjoyable by being engaged and interactive all the time.

Ms. Trauth has been actively involved with undergraduate honor research. She, along with graduate students, works on modeling and experimental evaluation of reinforced concrete slab-column floor systems for progressive collapse design. She is dedicated to her research project, and at the same time she works hard on her academics.

I was very impressed with Ginny when she took my Structural analysis class that I recruited her this semester to be an undergraduate teaching assistant and grader for my statics class. She is responsible for grading weekly tests, and she conducts help sessions to assist students with their learning. She is very professional and never missed or came late to any of her sessions. Students seek her out when they need help in statics.

Ms. Trauth has demonstrated abilities as a great student and researcher and has a great potential for becoming an excellent engineer in the future. I believe that Ginny is the type of student who will continue to play a major role in the advancement of her profession.

Therefore, I strongly recommend Ms. Virginia Ginny Trauth for the *ACI-MO Chapter Luke and Billie Snell Undergraduate Scholarship* without any reservations. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this recommendation.

Sincerely,

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