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To whom it may concern:

I am writing on behalf of Derek Masselink, a young man who I met through a Lions sponsored youth basketball program for teens on Pender Island that he started. The program seemed well organized; he was knowledgeable about his subject, and able to run an efficient program. .

I've since talked to him and met his wife and children and was impressed with his caring manner towards his them.

I know that Derek is an organic farmer and a consultant with a degree from the University of Victoria. He is well thought of on the Island and when I was enquiring about him I met Shirley LePers, a woman who is involved in a number of activities, Shirley thought Derek to be a hard working, honest man who is someone you could trust.. Gerry Woods, another Lion member, a retired university professor, thought Derek "a great guy" with a good sense of humor.

I feel confident Derek Masselink is a good citizen of strong character who would give his best effort in any job.

Yours truly,

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