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To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Marly Driskell since June 2007. At that time, my husband and I were looking for a nanny to provide us with part-time childcare for our son, who was then eleven months old. Marly was only the second person we interviewed for the position, and we knew immediately that she was the person we wanted to hire.

Seven years later, I can state with no hesitation that hiring Marly was one of the best decisions we have ever made for our family. She is loving, dedicated, responsible, and a consummate professional. She has taught my husband and me to be better parents. She has taught my children (we have two now, a son and a daughter) invaluable lessons in responsibility, kindness, and confidence. In addition, Marly has done an amazing job contributing to the development of my children's language, gross and fine motor, and social and emotional skills. Although she no longer works for us on a daily basis, Marly continues to be a part of our lives because she keeps our weekly date night slot in her babysitting schedule.

Marty is a true partner in the parenting process. She has always proven willing to accommodate our parenting philosophy and to offer her own ideas and advice when needed. This has been particularly helpful with regard to discipline, as the three of us – Marty, my husband, and myself – have worked together as a team to provide our children with fair and consistent guidelines. Marly is also someone we truly trust. From a very early period, we felt comfortable allowing Marly to drive our children. This came as quite a surprise to me because I was initially hesitant to let another person take my children anywhere in a car. But, Marly has proven to be a safe, responsible driver. In addition, she has a deep knowledge of kid-friendly parks and other venues in Houston. Because of Marly, our children have done and experienced things in our hometown that we never knew existed!

Marly is a phenomenal nanny. For her, being a nanny is not just a job, it is a calling. She approaches every interaction she has with my children as an opportunity to teach them something about the world around them. One summer, she dedicated each day she spent with my children to a different letter of the alphabet. On "A" day, she presented them with pads of paper shaped like airplanes. They ate apples for a snack and had lunch at Applebee's. On "D" day, they went to a dog park and visited the dinosaur exhibit at the Houston Museum of Natural Science. On "H" day, they wore silly hats and ate hot dogs. I could go on and on about the creativity that Marly utilized when it came to implementing her summer alphabet project. The kids still request "alphabet days." Little did they know that something they considered to be fun was teaching them literacy skills!

Over the years, I have been approached any number of times by friends and even total strangers who have seen Marly with my children. Every single one of these people has a compliment for her.

I know that hiring a nanny can be a daunting prospect. First and foremost, you want to find a person who you can trust, unequivocally, to protect and care for your child or children. You want to find a person who will love your children, but who will also provide the boundaries they need to grow into responsible adolescents and adults. Marly can do all of these things, and so much more, and it is my great pleasure to provide her with the highest recommendation possible.

If you have any questions for me regarding our experience with Marly, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Catherine J.