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To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Character Letter for Timothy Hart

My name is Janell Smith. I am a 38-year military spouse, a Double Blue Star Mom, a former long-term volunteer with The Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office in the Victim Witness Division, a residing Huber Heights resident for 24 years and former Huber Heights City Councilwoman representing the 2nd District. I feel my testimony regarding Mr. Hart's character is important because I've had the pleasure of working with Mr. Hart in both of my capacities as an elected official and a community philanthropist/resident. I strongly feel that if I did not write this letter, it would be the biggest regret in my life and at my age, I'm not willing to sit back and say nothing.

In all of my years of knowing Tim, approx 15 years, I've known him to be a very gentle person who genuinely cares about others often putting others before himself. His pay-it-forward mentality has been a strong asset for our community for decades. Mr. Tim Hart and his family have been pillars in this community since before our city was incorporated on January 23, 1981. Tim continues his father's legacy which provides several annual scholarships to seniors of the graduating class at our local high school. Tim also sponsors numerous soccer and T-Ball teams for our youth. I cannot recall a time when Mr. Hart, as the owner of I-70 Paintball, denied free passes to any 501c3 or any organization asking for help. I-70 Paintball and Tim Hart gave our youth a safe and inexpensive place to play, have fun and get exercise which I'm sure we all can agree that most of our youth are lacking in today's society. Mr. Hart is also a regular contributor of our local YMCA. Mr. Hart and his family have nothing but love for people and our community to the point they donated land and built an Athletic Foundation for the youth which is still active to this day. And that's not all;

What most people don't know about Tim Hart is the behind the scenes community help which he doesn't get (nor asks) the attention he deserves which includes working on the pepper ball guns for the Huber Heights Police Department. For years he's attended almost every council and committee meetings to keep the public informed on communiyt events and news. He freely speaks up for those who have been wronged and reports to the communiyt via, social media, podcasts, et al. what actually happens during these meetings because unless you're in attendance you don't see most of the inappropriate council decorum. During my time serving on Huber Heights City Council and with the National League of Council's; Military Communities Council and The Miami Valley Military Affair's Association, Mr. Hart has allowed USAF active-duty members from NASIC (National Air and Space Intelligence Command) among other squadrons free access to his I-70 Paintball for training purposes which I can

testify with certainty that it not only boosted the moral of the unit as the whole but left a lasting positive impression on the young airmen who participated. I think it's important to know that Mr Hart is a good, hard working pillar of our community and his service should not go unnoticed. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
Janell Smith