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This letter is in support for Michael Browne's application for Co-Op employment. I have known Michael since September 2010 where I had the privilege of instructing his Introduction to Engineering course at Wentworth Institute of Technology. In this course, as well as my experience with Michael since then, I was able to observe, first hand, Michael's exceptional abilities with research, technical analysis, and his remarkable drive that would make him a valuable addition to any engineering firm.

Throughout my experience with Michael, he has stood out as one of the best young engineers that I have had the privilege of working with. One instance that is most notable was during a research project on recent advancements in wind turbine technology that he and two other students worked on. For this project, Michael demonstrated his strong technical abilities which were instrumental in the group's exceptional written report and oral presentation. Along with this, Michael also illustrated a strong attention to detail that often eludes students of that level. I often times found that, during lectures, Michael would ask some of the most poignant questions that illustrated both a true comprehension of the material and exceptional ability to understand and interpret complex subject matter. This proved to be both an asset to his fellow students and also drove me to be a better instructor.

I feel that Michael would be an ideal candidate for Co-Op employment. His strong technical abilities as well as his exceptional drive are assets any engineering department would truly benefit from. With this in consideration, I recommend Michael Browne without reservation. If there are any questions that I may be able to answer about my experience with Michael or to provide clarification on any of my personal insight, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. McCusker".

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