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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing with great enthusiasm to recommend Marta Lane for any job she wants. Her talents and interests are diverse, her positive attitude is catching, and her dedication to quality work is inspiring. I believe Marta can do an excellent job in any job she pursues.

I hired Marta seven years ago as a food and farming columnist for the weekly newspaper MidWeek Kauai, and it was one of the best hires I've made in 23 years as an editor.

Her writing was concise and needed little editing.

She was dedicated to making deadlines.

She was a team player, stepping in to write feature stories in addition to her columns when another of my writers left suddenly.

And, with me editing the paper from the island of Oahu, I could count on her to be a good representative for our company on Kauai. Over and over I heard from Kauai people how personable she is and that she cares about her job and the people she wrote about. Kauai is a quirky island where non-locals can have a hard time gaining acceptance. Not so for Marta, who was quickly accepted, and respected.

Marta's work was so good, she was eventually "poached" by our sister publication, the daily newspaper The Garden Island — with my blessing.

Need I say more? I would be happy to do so if you have any questions. You may reach me at 808-228-6971 or by e-mail at dchapman001@hawaii.rr.com.

Hire Marta — you'll be glad you did and can thank me later.

(signed)
Don Chapman