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To: Whom it may concern
From: David Wallace Douglas
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I write this letter of reference in support of Mark Van Putten. I've worked closely with Mark for the past six years in my capacity as President of Water Advocates, the first U.S. nonprofit organization set up to advocate on behalf of safe drinking water internationally.

Simply put, I cannot recommend Mark more highly. I am also a trustee of the Wallace Genetic Foundation, and I would particularly urge American foundations to consider employing his strategic counsel. Mark brings with him an unsurpassed knowledge of the major American environmental issues, built over decades of experience at the highest level of national environmental leadership.

Mark's insight and advice are consistently distinguished by clarity of thought and expression. He has worked closely with many of America's leading foundations and nonprofit organizations, invariably carrying out his work with uncompromising integrity and discretion.

Mark has a particular gift for listening, for identifying key points, and for moving complicated meetings or undefined programs toward successful resolution. That capacity for listening is fortunately coupled with extraordinary writing skills. He is able to convert disparate thoughts into a well-written synthesis in an astoundingly short timeframe.

For a philanthropic foundation or nonprofit organization seeking a trusted long-term consultant—or needing a brilliant facilitator for pivotal gatherings—Mark Van Putten is able to provide an unsurpassed blend of guidance and wisdom.

David Wallace Douglas