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To Whom It May Concern:

Benjamin Bomkamp and Kerstyn Perrett are some of the finest field botanists working in Wisconsin today.

Owners of NatureWorks LLC in Adams County, Wisconsin, they were my students in my summer "Vascular Plant Taxonomy" (Biol. 342) class in 2015, and they turned out to be some of the best students (out of 2,300 total) I've ever had the privilege of teaching in my 15 years as professor at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

They exhibited a knack for learning the flora of Wisconsin as exhibited by their excellent Biol. 399 Independent Study collections of the flora of their property in Adams County, Bomkamp Barrens.

More than that, Ben and Kerstyn have shown intense curiosity about grasses, sedges, rushes, and aquatic macrophytes. These are the most difficult groups in any plant inventory, and they quickly picked up the knack for identifying these "troublesome" plants.

Many biological consulting groups, and government resource agencies, ignore these plants entirely because of their difficulty, or only identify the commonest grass and sedges. Not Ben and Kerstyn, who have accepted the challenge offered by these plants, which comprise one-third of Wisconsin's native flora.

Plus, they VOUCHER their unusual finds with excellent collections in our herbaria, most important.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions about their excellent qualifications. They are the finest independent plant biology consultants that I know of working in the state.

Sincerely,

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