To the Grant Selection Committee:

I am writing in support of Danny Foley’s application for the Friday Lunch Clubbe Grant. Danny is genuinely a gifted student with great potential as a research scientist. I encourage you to give him your most careful consideration. Without a doubt, Danny is one of those rare individuals that come along only once every few years; he is highly intelligent, inquisitive, motivated, and creative. Danny has just the right combination of assertiveness and respect to make him a joy to work with in the lab. He takes directions very well, but he is not timid about questioning experimental details or rationale. Working together with Danny on the Pennsylvanian-Permian Ancestral Rocky Mountains and their associated basins has exemplified these traits. Whether it was measuring section or collecting samples Danny strove to complete each task with perfection. When problems arose in the field and lab, Danny demonstrated impressive resourcefulness in overcoming these problems. He did not simply run to his advisors for answers, but instead dove into the literature to try and come up with ideas on how to solve the problems encountered. Only after coming up with a viable solution did he consult me, before discussing it with his advisor (Paul Umhoefer). His perseverance and mature attitude in the face of a scientific set-back are unusual for such a young researcher. I have no doubt that Danny will have a considerable influence upon our research program and that his efforts will result in the first authorship on an important manuscript. It should be apparent that I think very highly of Danny Foley’s academic and research skills. I am not alone in this evaluation. He has fit in very well with our research group (4 people including, postdoc, and three graduate students). In closing, I don’t believe that you could find a more qualified candidate for the Friday Lunch Clubbe Grant than Danny Foley. He has my strongest recommendation.

Sincerely,

Gregory Burr

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