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To whom it may concern,

I am proud to recommend Tanner Castora. I have known Tanner for the past five years, and in that time, I have come to respect not only his work, but who he is as a person. I recommend him without hesitation.

I first met Tanner when he was covering the South Dakota State University football program while I was serving as head coach. That gave me a front-row seat to how he works. It became clear very quickly that he was different. Tanner has a natural ability to dig deeper than most, to find the story beneath the surface, and to tell it in a way that draws people in. His work is thoughtful, detailed, and done with purpose.

After I retired from coaching, Tanner approached me about writing a book centered on my journey, my family, and the growth of our football program. What I initially saw as a project quickly became much more. Over the course of two years, Tanner poured himself into that work. We met close to eighty times. He conducted countless interviews, asked meaningful questions, and did the kind of research that only someone fully committed would take on. He didn't just write a book, he invested himself in telling the story the right way.

What stood out most to me was not just his work ethic, but his care. He wanted to get it right. Not fast, not easy, but right. That says a lot about who he is.

Tanner is a man of character. He works hard, he does things the right way, and he takes responsibility for the work he puts his name on. Any organization that brings him in is getting someone who will care deeply about what he does and the people he works with.

I strongly believe he will be an asset to your team, and I hope you give him that opportunity.

God Bless,

John Stiegelmeier