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To Whom It May Concern,

I'm delighted to recommend Gordon Carey. Over the nearly three years I've had the privilege of working alongside Gordon, I've come to genuinely admire him—both as an educator and as a person. He's the kind of colleague who makes coming to work a joy, and I'm thrilled to support his pursuit of a master's degree.

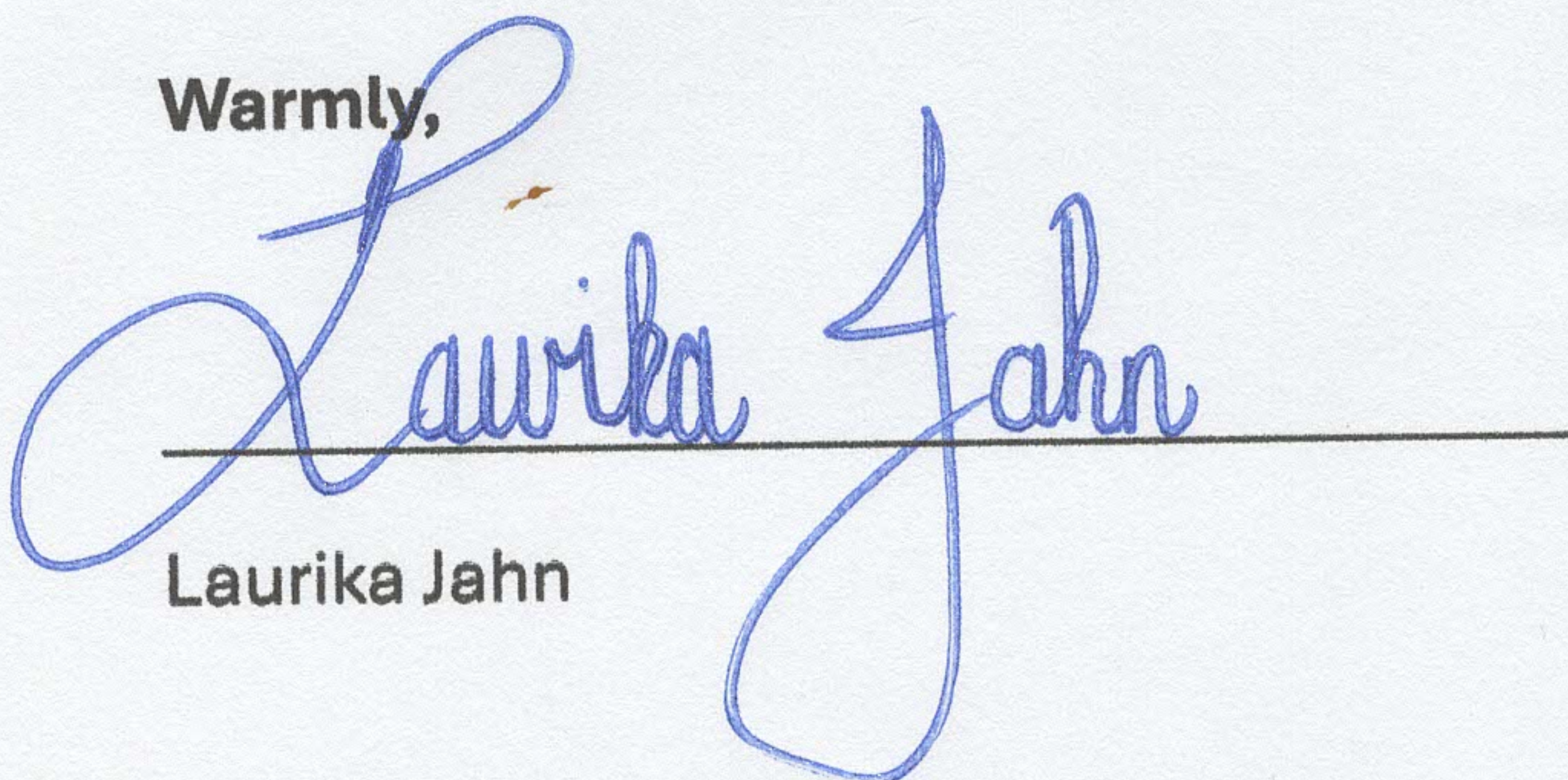
Gordon has this wonderful quality of bringing out the best in those around him. He's thoughtful and approachable, always willing to brainstorm ideas, listen to concerns, or simply sit and talk through the challenges we face in education. But beneath that warm demeanor lies a sharp, analytical mind. When Gordon engages with political science and government concepts, you can see the genuine passion — he doesn't just want to teach these subjects; he *lives* them.

What strikes me most about Gordon is his ability to sit with complex ideas and really wrestle with them. He asks the kinds of questions that make you think differently about a topic. In our conversations about current events and political theory, he brings nuance and thoughtfulness that goes well beyond surface-level analysis. He's curious in the best way, not just collecting facts but genuinely seeking to understand the "why" behind things. This is precisely the mindset that makes for excellent graduate work. He's thoughtful about his goals and intentional about his growth—qualities that will serve him well.

Working with Gordon has been genuinely easy because he cares. He shows up prepared, follows through on commitments, and treats everyone—colleagues, students, support staff—with authentic respect. He's the person you can count on, and he does it all without fanfare. There's an integrity in him that's refreshing; he means what he says, and he does what he promises. He helps whenever asked and even when not asked.

I'm genuinely excited for Gordon as he takes this next step. I have complete confidence he'll make meaningful contributions to the field of political science and government. It's rare to find someone who combines intellectual rigor with such genuine kindness and integrity. Gordon is that person.

Warmly,


Laurika Jahn