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To Whom It May Concern:

I am delighted to be writing in support of Eva Chillura's candidacy for South Carolina Student Journalist of the Year. Eva was a student in my Spanish 4 Honors class her sophomore year, and I had her in AP Spanish Language and Culture her junior year. She is a great student and an extraordinary journalist--thoughtful, smart, interesting, and driven. It is Eva's academic dedication and well-roundedness that set her apart, though. Like all quality journalists, she doggedly pursues opportunities to seek knowledge of a broad range of issues - from advanced STEM content to world languages and cultures. When I think of Eva...

- I see her sitting in my classroom, absorbed in a high-level Spanish text without a trace of fear or apathy
- I hear her asking pointed, thoughtful questions about the advanced-level Spanish she hears and reads
- I see her byline in the school newspaper, covering stories from the sustainability and fast fashion to the Parkland shooting and the resulting student movement
- I sense the quality of her leadership as editor of the school paper as I hear her delegating work to the student journalists working under her.

The sights and sounds of Eva's time as a student at Wando are indicative of who she is. She is a young person whose diversity of academic experience and intelligence are important to our society and important to our increasingly consolidated media. I am proud to call Eva one of my students, and I know she would add an important voice to the cohort of young journalists in the State of South Carolina.

Sincerely,

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