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To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Dr. Goers, with whom I have been privileged to work at Telos Classical Academy from March 2024. Throughout this period, I have witnessed tremendous forward momentum in the school's ability to clarify and achieve its educational vision under Dr. Goers' leadership.

I came to TCA as teacher with two decades of teaching experience, and have worked for several heads of school; Telos has been a unique experience as a school in its incipient stages. Dr. Goers has demonstrated remarkable dedication to building a strong and mission-driven faculty. She has invested countless hours in recruiting high-quality staff members, articulating a vision of classical education, training faculty in corresponding pedagogy, and developing them as leaders. She has a proven track record of cultivating leadership from within the organization, and I have seen clear and meaningful progress in this area during her time at Telos Classical Academy.

Under Dr. Goers' leadership, the culture of our school has noticeably improved. Students are more respectful, more disciplined, and more joyful in their learning. Each day provides evidence that students are not only acquiring knowledge about virtue, but are valuing the virtuous life as the path to true human flourishing. This cultural shift reflects Dr. Goers' steady guidance, clarity of purpose, and consistent expectations.

Dr. Goers is also deeply committed to partnering with parents. She actively encourages and equips families to raise their children, generously sharing wisdom and resources drawn from her more than forty years of experience in education. Her approach fosters collaboration between home and school.

When I joined Telos, the school was emerging from a period of leadership transition, and anxiety among students and families was high. Under Dr. Goers' leadership, however, a sense of calm, stability, and confidence has taken root. Her wise presence and thoughtful decision-making have been instrumental in restoring trust and strengthening the school community.

I recommend Dr. Goers without reservation. She is a principled, experienced, and effective leader whose impact is evident in both people and culture. I am confident she will continue to serve any educational community with wisdom, vision, and integrity.

Sincerely,

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