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Dr. Aaron Ganz  
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Dr. Harriett Ephrussi-Taylor

Dear Dr. Ganz:

I have known Dr. Taylor for over twenty years.

The candidate has a sustained record of useful and pioneering accomplishment in genetic aspects of bacterial transformation. Her work has been instrumental in placing this area of research on a sound footing, and it is one of enormous importance in cell biology. She is a dedicated scientist with a staying power that few women have demonstrated. In this respect she is an egregious inspiration to other capable women who might look for examples of ranking accomplishment in this kind of research. While she is married to an eminent biologist, this is perhaps mainly a secondary hindrance to her securing a university-supported position, and her research performance is entirely independent.

Sincerely yours,

Joshua Lederberg  
Professor of Genetics

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