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To Whom It May Concern:

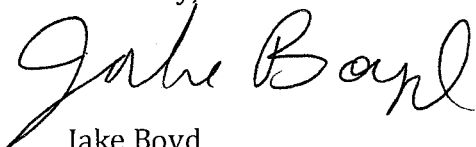
My name is Jake Boyd and I am writing on the behalf of Seth Panitch for his outstanding leadership qualities and his venerable ability to guide young students into a bright career with obliging and encouraging steps. I am currently venturing into my fourth year as a student of acting with Professor Pantich and have made tremendous strides in the field of theatre thanks to his guidance. Throughout my journey here at the University, I have had up-close and hands-on experience with the work that Panitch produces and I have never walked away from a project without feeling the growth I have gained and the determination to push myself to greater heights. Professor Panitch possesses abundant qualities that make him a leader, not only in our department of theatre at the University of Alabama, but also throughout the community and beyond.

All through my education at UA, I have not taken more with me from a Professor than I have from Seth Panitch. His teaching methods in the acting classes are unlike any I have experienced before; he exemplifies vast knowledge on his subjects and knows exactly how to help each individual student. I particularly enjoy the attention he gives to every one of his pupils no matter what level of training. For instance, during the exercises that Professor Panitch teaches in his acting classes, he works individually with every student to ensure his or her greatest success.

Not only is Professor Panitch an exceptional educator, he is also a great friend. There have been several times when I have had a bad day (or even week) and have gone to him to vent and seek guidance. Seth has always been accepting and open to any issues I and any other students have had to discuss as well as been more than willing to offer advice. Whether in the classroom, on the stage, or in the confidence of an office, Seth is always guiding others with a confident and loyal hand.

Seth Panitch is deserving of recognition for his leadership ability. I have worked firsthand and have seen the progress in the Department of Theatre and Dance at the University of Alabama and have no doubts that most of the development is due to his work. I know that due to his direction, I and many others have benefited enormously!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jake Boyd". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J".

Jake Boyd
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