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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

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I welcome the opportunity of giving my appreciation of Elizabeth Cobacho. AMIDEAST\Tunis was very lucky to have had Liz as a teacher here since February of 2009. AMIDEAST is an NGO whose mission is to build bridges across cultures between the United States and countries of the Middle East and North Africa. Our organization has many services such as advising and testing students wishing to study in the US, organizing and overseeing exchange programs between the US and Tunisia and teaching the English language. Although AMIDEAST is classified as non-governmental, our instructors are, in reality, perceived as ambassadors of the US and many times represent the only contact the people of Tunisia have had with Americans. I believe that Liz was an excellent example.

Her international experience prepared her to embrace the Tunisian culture and create an effective learning environment for her students, one in which it was safe to make mistakes and take language risks, where respect and tolerance were upheld and where students of any background felt secure in their language acquisition process. Her lessons were very structured and professional. Her flexibility and creativity are among her assets, as well as her reliability and competence. However, I think her greatest strength lies in the genuine interest she has in her students. Liz has had experience teaching upper-elementary through advanced levels of general English to adults, has been extremely active in our program for disadvantaged youth and, most recently, has undergone training and is currently involved in teaching aviation English to pilots and air traffic controllers here in Tunisia. During her time here, she has done her utmost to reach excellence in her teaching but has also devoted much time to learning about the country and its people.

Liz is a team player and has earned the respect and trust of her students as well as her colleagues. I feel certain that Liz will not only enrich any program with her participation, but will go on to make a difference in the grander scheme of things. As far as AMIDEAST is concerned, she will always have a teaching position here at any time she so desires.

Sincerely,

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