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Dear Dr. Drake

I've heard of your receiving a blanket "U" rating with a recommendation to discontinue your probation. First I find it hard to believe that one who has had a thirty years plus career in teaching should even have an entrance level probationary period. Secondly while my personal observation of you has been outside the classroom you have always been a profoundly knowledgeable scholar with unlimited depth of knowledge in your chosen field. I find it impossible to believe that with your obvious knowledge and affinity for teaching that you could in any way be an incompetent or ineffectual. The evenings when my extra curricular duties found me in the school I would always know that the staff in the college office would also be "in-house". Invariably I would find you working, late into the night, on our student's college applications. In the halls students would seek you out, address you with the utmost respect and if you were not their designated full term teacher they would bemoan the fact as a personal loss. I truly fear that our school will suffer a great loss in scholastic competency if teachers of your caliber are removed form our ranks.

Sincerely,



Michael P. Rainford