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To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Chris Gauntlett since he came to learn Wing Chun kung fu from me almost 20 years ago. From the very start, I saw that he would be a special student; his work ethic was incredible, but more importantly from a teacher's point of view, he always asked "good" questions, the ones teachers like – ones that show sincere thought that's come from the student working through the material he/she is given, before coming back with a query. Chris always tried out what was given to him first, and then tried to work it out, often failing a few times, before he came to me with constructive alternatives that he'd come up with on his own.

Wing Chun kung fu is a unique martial art, in that it is a "principle-based", as opposed to a "technique-based" art, requiring its practitioners to analyse and often work in the abstract, to find an appropriate response to an attack. As such, I encouraged Chris, and all my students, to consider alternatives from different perspectives so that he/they would not be bound by limitations of narrow thinking.

I am very proud to say that Chris is among the top two or three students I have taught, out of thousands, in almost 30 years of teaching. He has taken my guidance and proven his training by competing successfully in a full-contact Muay Thai fighting career, in his work in the security field, as well as in many exchanges with martial artists from various disciplines.

With his complimentary knowledge in strength and conditioning training as well as in clinical massage, Chris has evolved into a well-rounded professional who is highly capable and competent in his profession – he knows how the body works! I am most proud of his evolution and would not hesitate to recommend him for any work that may be asked of him.

Yours faithfully

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