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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to offer my support to Dr. Kelly Elliot as she seeks both tenure and promotion to the rank of Associate Professor.

Dr. Elliot served as a mentor for one of our scholars during the McNair Research Internship in the summer of 2014. She offered Cooper Spruill assistance in the planning and conducting of a research paper in his discipline of History. Dr. Elliot was highly supportive of Cooper during the process of completing his project and through the preparation for the presenting of his research at both a national McNair Scholars Conference at the University of New Mexico and the ACU Undergraduate Research Festival.

Dr. Elliot has also offered Cooper excellent advice regarding the direction of the remainder of his undergraduate career, the focus of his graduate career, and schools to which Cooper should apply that would not only advance his future, but would also be a good fit and match for him as a scholar.

I have been highly pleased with the mentoring Dr. Elliot has provided Cooper during his time as a McNair Scholar. If this is the quality of guidance she offers to all of her students, then they are in excellent hands.

If I can offer any additional information that can help your decision, please do not hesitate to ask.

Blessings,

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