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Dear Women of Influence Committee,

It is my absolute pleasure to write a letter of recommendation for Kim Williams. Kim served as my daughter Raeba's volleyball coach through the Lions Volleyball Club in LaGrange IL. Kim was a leader within the large Chicagoland Lions volleyball organization, which is one of the best volleyball clubs in the nation. Kim built such a strong youth volleyball program in our community.

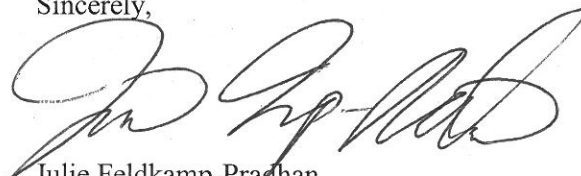
Kim was an excellent coach in that she got the girls to believe in themselves and feel secure with their personal and athletic potential. She would push the girls past what they thought they could do in volleyball.

Raeba looked up to Kim as a leader, mentor and someone that she could count on to get good advice. With the kids, Kim was engaging, funny and demonstrated a caring spirit in the way in which she interacted with the team. The girls always looked forward to seeing her at practice.

Kim stayed positive when the team had a set back or a loss, she always encouraged the girls to persevere and stay motivated. Kim taught the girls that when you lose, you learn the most. Even though Kim is not my daughter's coach this year, after a tough game my daughter would say to me, "Mom, what do you think Coach Kim would say to me right now?" Even though Kim is no longer an active coach in my daughter's life, Raeba refers back to her experience with Kim to gain insight in to how to behave and make decisions in her current athletic situation. Kim obviously had a powerful impact on my daughter. The lesson she learned from Kim are used not only in her current team environment, but in her personal life as well.

Kim seemed to have a knack for understanding the individual differences of her players and showcasing their skill based on strengths and personality. Kim made switches when the girls felt comfortable to try something new. Kim always had the mindset that no player serves in a single spot, due to their young age there is always room for a little adjustment, and that it is helpful and motivating to try something new. Parents on the team trusted Kim and overall thought highly of her skills as a coach and her positive mentoring approach with our pre-teen daughters. If you have any further questions about Kim, I would be happy to talk to you.

Sincerely,



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