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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of the outstanding musicianship of May Peters. I met Ms. Peters in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in March, 2007. At the time, she was on the faculty of the San Juan Conservatory of Music, teaching jazz and Caribbean music. I spent one month in San Juan and had several opportunities to hear her perform.

Ms. Peters is an artist and educator of international stature. She has a thorough understanding of jazz and Caribbean music, and how they relate to one another. She is a highly-acclaimed trombonist, worthy of much greater recognition.

In summary, I was so impressed by the artistry of Ms. Peters that I invited her to perform as a guest lecturer and guest artist at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Unfortunately, this visit had to be postponed due to confusion over visa issues. I strongly recommend that Ms. Peters be awarded whatever visa necessary to be able to share her expertise with students and audiences in the United States. To not do so would be to deprive our citizens.

I welcome any additional questions you may have. I can be reached by phone at (256) 824-2582 or by email at bowyerd@uah.edu

Sincerely,

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