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Carol Skalski
USA Today
1000 Wilson Boulevard
10th Floor
Arlington, VA 22229

Dear Ms. Skalski:

Please accept this letter of recommendation on behalf of David Teske's nomination as a member of USA Today's All-USA Teacher Team. My two children have both had the opportunity to learn from Mr. Teske in his science classes at Chastain Middle School in Jackson, Mississippi.

Education is a top priority for my administration. We are setting unprecedented goals and achieving unparalleled progress in Mississippi's public education system. David Teske exemplifies the quality teachers that we have assisting us in this progress.

David Teske's classroom provides his students with innovative hands-on environments to stimulate the students to enjoy learning and to desire to learn more. Mr. Teske's space curriculum is especially fun for students. This space curriculum incorporates an inflatable planetarium in the classroom, as well as stargazing activities outdoors. David consistently strives to challenge his students to ask questions and to probe for answers. Mr. Teske continues to invigorate his students and the community after hours through his work with Chastain's rocket club and Jackson's Davis Planetarium.

Thank you for your consideration of Mr. Teske's nomination. He would prove to be a valuable asset and resource to the All-USA Teacher Team. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of further assistance.

Very truly yours,

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