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Re: Claude Sales Letter of Recommendation

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Claude since 2019 when he was the site superintendent for Blum Construction on a renovation and addition to an occupied senior living healthcare facility in Colfax, North Carolina. The scope of the River Landing Healthcare project included renovations to resident rooms, resident living areas, resident kitchens, a hair salon, nurses work rooms, and administrative offices. It also included an addition of a commercial kitchen, a community dining room, and a multipurpose room. The finished project was 84,360 square feet and was inspected by the City of High Point, Guilford County Department of Health, and the North Carolina Department of Health Service Regulation. It was started prior to the pandemic, was put on hold for about a month, and then restarted under pandemic protocols with a fragile senior resident population. To say that the project was challenging is an understatement. That our client considers the project a big success under all these conditions is due in large part to Claude.

The success of a construction project depends largely on the quality of the site superintendent. That role is the place where the world of planning and design meet the reality of construction and schedule. Claude is one of the best site superintendents that I have worked with in my 30-year career. He impressed me and the rest of our design team with his knowledge and understanding of our drawings, his ability to stay calm and focused under many adverse conditions, and his desire to do what was right for the project and our client. His commitment to the success of the project frequently had him on site early and kept him there late as he planned what was ahead. He worked to anticipate problems and suggested solutions for team input. He put the success of the project and the project team first and was a consummate team player. On behalf of the entire Steele Group Architects River Landing design team, we highly recommend Claude Sales and we look forward to an opportunity to collaborate with him again.

Sincerely,

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