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This letter is being written in support of a member of your esteemed faculty, FRED GREEN. I met Fred when I was invited to participate in a Brass Day at MSSU that he had organized in 2017.

As a long-time college professor as well as an active performer, I've had the honor to collaborate with wonderful artists. I like to observe the interaction between teachers and their students, with the goal of perhaps "teaching an old dog new tricks"! After spending a couple of days on the campus, I must say that I was very impressed with the way in which Fred communicated with his students, colleagues and guest artists. His students respect him and work hard! I heard quite a few of them in master class situations and all performed admirably. And his trumpet ensemble is a wonderful group, playing at a very high level.

I was also fortunate enough to hear Fred play in a recital. What a wonderful player! Again, I'm a curious chap and I like to see how the person becomes the performer. I've found that the most genuine of people are usually the most interesting of performers. I can't say why exactly: honesty, openness? At any rate, Fred Green is a very interesting, soulful, exquisite musician who just happens to play the trumpet. ANY institution of higher learning would be extremely lucky to have him on their faculty.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.

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