

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter in support of Derek Miceli. I have been working with Derek for the last 3 years, 2 of which he has been our radio broadcaster. Derek has greatly increased the production value of our matches through his radio broadcasts. I have had several parents, community members, and alumni reach out to tell me they really enjoy Derek's work.

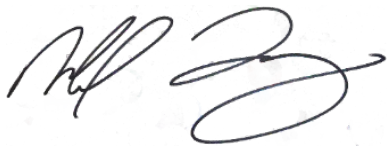
It is important to mention that Derek clearly cares about the quality of his work. When he was able to join me on the road he would often ask me questions about the game of volleyball, or our team to prepare for his next broadcast. This depth of knowledge has only increased the quality of his broadcasts. The other piece to note is that he clearly cares about this team. He is a fan just as much as he is our "radio guy". The team loves having him around when we travel, and they were very disappointed when he couldn't travel to the conference tournament this season.

One element that was not a part of this season that Derek is also great at is the coach's show we usually do during season. Giving the athletes a chance to come talk to Derek for 15-20 minutes is very special to them. He is very good at making them feel comfortable, and getting them to open up. It really allowed the listeners to truly get to know the girls not just as athletes, but people too. He even did an entire segment on recycling because one of my seniors last year was so passionate about it. Just another example of Derek going above and beyond what is required.

The last thing I want to touch on is just how good of a person Derek is, and how much I value him as a member of this team. He is great to have around, and I attribute his work with us partly to why we are able to recruit talented athletes. Being able to tell recruits and their parents that we broadcast our matches on the radio matters to them, especially because many are too far away to attend every match. I am a big fan of Derek, and value the part he has played in our success.

I hope this helps to shed some light on everything he does behind the scenes. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Lozier". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" and last name "Lozier" clearly distinguishable.

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