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To Whom It May Concern:

I recommend Refayat M. Haque as a promising young professional in the field of International Affairs and Development. I have had the pleasure of working with Refayat for the past few months. He was assigned to me as my assistant to help maintain my schedule and to assist me to jump-start the Atlantic Council's new Afghanistan Rising Initiative. Refayat has been diligent and hard-working while tending to my needs. I wish him the best on his relocation to Singapore. I am certain he will find a role that asks more of him, as I know his commendable work ethic and capacity for new challenges will permit him to take on larger, and more demanding, undertakings.

His academic background in International Affairs from the George Washington University and International Development from the American University have given him the desire to eventually fuse the two disciplines into an Asia-based, action-oriented, and thought-provoking organization. His innate entrepreneurial spirit and business acumen will allow him to one day galvanize support towards, and to lead, such an organization. Even at this early stage of his career, Refayat is planning to effectively utilize his International Affairs and Development background to create a body of thought leadership with the necessary resources to bring about substantial change in Asia. He is keen on reforming the ways trans-boundary and bilateral dialogues are executed in his home region of South Asia, and also in South East Asia. Given Refayat's interest in South East Asia and ASEAN, in addition to his interest in South Asia proper, he is also intent on helping to find ways, for example, to bring countries such as India, and his home country of Bangladesh, closer to the ASEAN bloc.

I believe Refayat is someone who will persevere in a steadfast manner to push the boundaries of what he believes he can attain. Individuals like Refayat can only help organizations grow and reach new heights, and I hope you will consider him for a position in your organization.

Thank you,

Ambassador James B. Cunningham
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