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Dear Dr. Shapiro,

This letter offers my complete support for Dr. Debra Borie-Holtz for Associate Professor in Teaching at the Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy. I have had the great opportunity to have Dr. Borie-Holtz as my Research Methods Professor for the online course for Fall 2019.

Her knowledge of the content and instruction on how to apply the methodologies and strategies in an online setting gave me confidence in my studies. Her lectures on learning and understanding how to access and use SPSS software, interpreting and displaying correlation statistics and reporting statistical findings in essay format allowed me to gain extensive knowledge in applying the material. Each week Dr. Borie-Holtz provided video lectures, labs and practice exercises to help strengthen our knowledge in the content. The timelines outlined in the syllabus allowed for proper planning and organization of any upcoming assignments, exams or quizzes that we needed to prepare for. This aided me tremendously because I was able to better organize my time and ask any questions about the content that I needed assistance with.

As a non-traditional student with children and a marine corps veteran, Dr. Borie-Holtz made this course more manageable because of her clear concise instructions and prompt response to any questions or inquiries I may have had during the course. She made available time to communicate via WebEx, given that I was an hour away from campus and could not always make office hours. She encouraged and supported my learning experience in an online environment and gave me added confidence in my future academic endeavors.

In short, Dr. Debra Borie-Holtz exemplified what it means to encourage and support students throughout their academic journey. I respect what she has done, and I am sure will continue to do. It is my strong opinion that she is a tremendous Professor at the Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy and she has my highest recommendation.

Sincerely,
Leishon Turner
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