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Dear Mr Abshire

Letter of Nomination for [REDACTED]

On behalf of the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto, I am delighted to nominate [REDACTED] for your Presidential Fellows Program for 2012-13. [REDACTED] is a tremendously strong student, a specialist in our extremely competitive Peace and Conflict Studies programme with a double minor in History and Political Science respectively (The Peace and Conflict cohort almost invariably comprise an incredibly motivated and high performing cohort who demonstrate exceptional initiative and leadership in the broader university). [REDACTED] has extremely strong academic credentials and has, over the course of the last three years at UofT, earned an outstanding cumulative GPA of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is a wonderful fit for your Fellowship. He has a demonstrated interest in both international affairs in general and US politics in particular. Early on in his studies, [REDACTED] took a couple of classes at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in 2010. In addition to his superb grounding in Canadian politics, his courses here in Toronto have touched on other regions of the world such as Russia and the Middle East and have encompassed a range of topics germane to international studies, many focused on the ongoing issues around war, conflict and peace but also including questions of global governance and the quagmire of ethnic politics. [REDACTED] has a demonstrated interest in US politics, as evidenced by the A's and A+'s he has earned in a range of classes on that topic including training in the country's history and foreign policy. Finally, he is a member of Trinity College at Uof T which prides itself on attracting academic leaders in the student community.

[REDACTED] is an outstanding candidate for your Fellowship which would grant him an unparalleled set of opportunities to develop his research and networking skills, work with a terrific cohort of future leaders and strengthen his understanding of the US presidency and Congress. Should you require any more detailed recommendations from instructors who have taught [REDACTED] I would be happy to provide those.

Sincerely

Associate Professor Antoinette Handley  
Directors of Undergraduate Studies and Associate Chair, Department of Political Science