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To the Graduate Committee:

This letter is a recommendation for **NOMBRE APELLIDO** in her application to the Graduate Program in Hispanic Linguistics. NOMBRE has taken two courses with me and I have mentored her on one additional research project. I believe she is a highly qualified candidate for the Hispanic Linguistics program.

NOMBRE took Spanish 366 *Current topics in Hispanic linguistics* (Fall 2010), which focused on Spanish in the U.S. She completed every assignment well and on time. Her final project was a study of subject pronoun expression among first, second, and third generation Puerto Rican Spanish speakers in Chicago, earning her an A in the course. In Spring 2011, she enrolled in my course about Spanish acquisition, again earning an A based on her solid academic performance.

During the 2010-2011 academic year, I accepted to mentor NOMBRE on a research project about Spanish in Chicago. Her task was to conduct and transcribe 10 hour-long interviews in Spanish with “MexiRican” individuals. Conducting a sociolinguistic interview properly requires specialized training and practice, and NOMBRE is among the top three most skilled interviewers of the dozen undergraduates that have conducted interviews for me. She manages to keep the conversations flowing naturally and elicit spontaneous, detailed narratives while also making sure to cover all of the required interview protocol questions.

In summary, NOMBRE shows great promise as a graduate student. She is extraordinarily diligent and responsible, and given the quality of the work she has completed for me, I was thrilled when she decided to pursue graduate study in linguistics. I support her candidacy unequivocally. In addition, she will be an excellent instructor both in the Basic Language Program as well as in the Heritage Program.

Sincerely,

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