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To whom it may concern,

I am honored to write this recommendation for Ellie Goodman who is applying for a position within your company. I have been with Fareway Stores, Inc. for 30 years and my position is Executive Vice President of Merchandising. Each year I directly oversee a handful of interns and this past year was fortunate enough to have Ellie at Fareway. She began her internship here during the summer of 2023 and her work was spectacular, so we extended an offer to continue an internship throughout her senior year.

Ellie worked on numerous projects simultaneously throughout the summer both as a team and as project lead. Her internship at Fareway best simulated the real-world experience of juggling multiple projects, deadlines, and personalities while working with limited resources all to accomplish an extraordinary outcome. Ellie worked on projects related to procurement, product promotion, merchandising and pricing, charitable fund raising, but she took the lead on the data analytics project.

During the internship Ellie demonstrated many skills which make her stand out far above her peer group. She has tremendous energy in a room, an outstanding work ethic, strong problem-solving skills, and most impressively she is an awesome and fearless communicator. All these skills combine to allow Ellie the ability to achieve the hard and soft objectives in any projects by not only understanding the written or spoken objectives but always driving to the intention of the goals.

Personally, I am sad that Ellie's journey takes her to a place Fareway is not ready to go yet. I was hopefully we could find a way to keep Ellie here, while offering the mentorship her early career development needs. We truly wish her all the best and I could not more strongly recommend any candidate as she has a tremendous future in front of her. Thank you for taking the time to consider Ellie.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bret Wiltse". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and "W".

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