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Subject: Mohammad Shtayyeh

Mr. Shtayyeh asked me to write him a letter of recommendation . I have known Mr. Shtayyeh both as a student and as a colleague. His participation in the classroom reflected his liveliness and seriousness. Since I also worked closely with him in our Union's Executive committee, I was able to judge at closer distance his abilities and potentials.

I most definitely think that Mr. Shtayyeh should be given every possible assistance to help him in his career. He is competent, hard-working, intelligent and ambitious. Unfortunately, he lacks the financial means by which to develop his talents and to achieve his scholarly objectives. While he does not miss any opportunity to widen his horizons and to seek answers to questions that trouble him, whether through social contacts or through private reading, he is nevertheless not in the financial or job position which can help him translate his academic potentials into reality.

There is perhaps one further dimension concerning Mr. Shtayyeh's interests and activities that may help a comprehensive appraisal of his application. He is deeply compassionate where it is a matter of offering help to his country-men. I have known him on a number of occasions to initiate charity campaigns for local communities which were in need of emergency help. To me, this proved that his intellectual interests were not divorced from his desire to be useful to his community.

I personally base great importance on this characteristic in people seeking further education, because it means to me that their pursuits are not entirely selfish.