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To the Bob Moch Endowment Selection Committee,

I am delighted to write this enthusiastic letter in support of Hatfield Student Extraordinaire for the Bob Moch HSO student service award. Hatfield Student Extraordinaire is an extremely dedicated student, an ambassador of Hatfield to the Newport community, and an incredibly selfless individual who is very deserving of this award.

Hatfield Student Extraordinaire has worked tirelessly during their time at Hatfield and their body of work demonstrates this. Hatfield Student Extraordinaire has given several local and national talk about their research ranging in scale from the State of the Coast to the national American Fisheries Society meeting. In addition, Hatfield Student Extraordinaire has generated three peer-reviewed scientific publications during their tenure at Hatfield. Despite their commitment to their personal research, Hatfield Student Extraordinaire has worked to enrich the education of their fellow Hatfield students by starting the Hatfield R User's Group, working with the library staff to run professional development seminars, and is actively engaged in the Hatfield Student Organization. Finally, Hatfield Student Extraordinaire somehow finds time to help their labmates and fellow Hatfielders in their field work. Hatfield Student Extraordinaire has volunteered several times to assist me in catching juvenile rockfishes for my research and I know of at least three other students they have helped.

When not working at Hatfield, Hatfield Student Extraordinaire is dedicated to Newport and has volunteered for several Newport community organizations. Hatfield Student Extraordinaire organized a beach cleanup at South Beach through the non-profit SOLVE. This event consisted of 100 volunteers who collected 50 pounds of trash at South Beach. Hatfield Student Extraordinaire has also volunteered at the Oregon Coast Aquarium for the past two years as dive volunteer and interpretive diver. Through their work at the Oregon Coast Aquarium, Hatfield Student Extraordinaire helps maintain the amazing ocean exhibits and works with the education staff to do underwater outreach events explaining the dangers of plastic pollution to marine organisms and how we can do our part to reduce plastic waste.

Hatfield Student Extraordinaire is also a terrifically humble and generous person. I have frequently witnessed Hatfield Student Extraordinaire helping to setup and take down tables as well as cleaning up after Hatfield events. Additionally, Hatfield Student Extraordinaire frequently offers to help clean up after Wednesday donuts, despite not being involved with this HSO committee. Finally, Hatfield Student Extraordinaire is such a wonderful person that everyone around Hatfield recognizes the power of their positive attitude and ability to brighten your day. Hatfield Student Extraordinaire is always smiling and generous in both their compliments and support. Getting to know Hatfield Student Extraordinaire has made my time at Hatfield much more fun and I cannot think of anyone who embodies the spirit of the Bob Moch student service award more. I hope you will agree with me.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sal Monfry, PhD