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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written in recommendation of Anne Lang.

I have been a journalist for 30 years and I've written for everything from The New York Times to the Abilene Reporter-News in Texas. I've worked for three national magazines, four newspapers and I've written books about President George W. Bush and the greatest industrial disaster in American history.

I can safely say that in my entire career I have never met a better journalist than Anne Lang.

She is, as I often say, the "gold standard" for journalists – a brilliant reporter, an exquisite writer, a dogged researcher, a consummate fact-checker. There is no one I would trust more as a journalist: She is humane, intelligent, ethical and compassionate.

I have seen her lend her consummate touch to every kind of story under the sun: She has willingly thrown herself onto the front lines of the Hurricane Katrina coverage – literally risking her life to bring back stunning story after stunning story. She has deftly handled interviews with the most famous folks in America – and she has crafted stunning, compelling, riveting portraits of so-called "ordinary Americans."

She is a natural story-teller, a journalist who can do it all, and, as anyone who knows her can tell you – she is also a caring, thoughtful human being. Those latter attributes, of course, only help to set Anne Lang head and shoulders above almost every journalist I have met in my life.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if you have any questions about this extraordinary journalist.

Sincerely,

Bill Minutaglio

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