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To whom it may concern:

We are pleased to provide this letter of recommendation for Davinder S. Khanna, our former Senior Vice President for Finance at National Park Trust (NPT). NPT is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) charity that purchases and holds lands for national, state, and local park purposes and also works to support and protect parks and lands around the nation.

Mr. Khanna has served NPT loyally and well since its formation by the National Parks and Conservation Association in 1986, and its spinoff as a separate organization in 1990. In 1997, NPT became fully independent of the NPCA and at that time Mr. Khanna first served as Vice President, and later as Senior Vice President-Finance, where he was responsible for all facets of the organization's finances including the budget, investments, tax reporting and annual audit.

His many accomplishments include assisting us in the financial management of Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve, a major project for NPT under which in 1994 NPT borrowed funds and acquired a 10,894 acre parcel the National Park Service had identified for National Park unit status, and then operated the resulting National Preserve as a public private partnership until 2005 when NPT transferred the ownership of the Preserve to another charity.

Mr. Khanna also helped establish the Virginia Association for Parks, where he served as one of the founding board members and its Treasurer. NPT was also proud of Mr. Khanna's leadership on the board of the Conservation and Preservation Charities of America for the Combined Federal Campaign. These activities with other charities related to our mission assisted NPT both in accomplishing our mission and in raising funds to support our operations.

Mr. Khanna took the lead in establishing our first website in 1997 and in creating our electronic newsletter, *Parkland News*. More recently, working with a Board member, he took the lead in creating the project mapping component that is now on our website which pinpoints the geographic location of our land projects around the country. This feature has been essential in conveying the depth and breadth of our work to the general public.

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During my tenure as Executive Director of NPT, I have enjoyed both his knowledge and skill, and his wonderful sense of humor, loyalty, and dedication. Mr. Khanna's generosity in donating a portion of his salary to NPT speaks volumes as to his character and warm-hearted spirit. His commitment to NPT has always been greatly appreciated by the staff and board of trustees, and will continue to be.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Grace Lee". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Grace Lee  
Executive Director