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To whom it may concern,

Please consider this letter as my strong recommendation for Dean Utendorf. Dean and I have worked together at FRAM-Autolite since the 2000's when we were part of Honewyell's Consumer Products Group.

Especially since 2012 when I was our OE-OES technical lead, Dean has been one of my superheroes here in the FRAM filtration lab. He has been instrumental in delivering upon countless challenges handed down from the induction and lubrication specialists at GM, Ford and FCA. Whether the task required textbook bench testing, safely pushing the capabilities of our lab equipment into new territories, or upgrading our rigs to meet new evolving requirements...Dean has been an integral part of the business' success. He's able to easily learn and master some of the most complicated test rigs for air, fuel and oil filtration. Dean can run any piece of equipment in our world class FRAM lab (formerly a Honeywell CPG lab).

Dean also has invaluable "human" skills which are getting harder to find these days. He's a joy to work with, which can be backed up by his fellow technicians, engineers as well as other industry experts. He's maintained and grown a long list of expert industry contacts and service providers. If his lab couldn't deliver the required test, he can easily reach out to many other industry 3rd party labs for timely trusted accredited support.

It is with very high confidence I recommend Dean Utendorf for any technical laboratory leadership, engineer or technician role. If you have any specific questions, I would be more than happy to discuss Dean's suitability for this new role.

Highest regards,

Daniel J. Auxter

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