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To whom it may concern:

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Dale Dobbe and Basement Specialists. I have known Dale Dobbe in a professional capacity for many years. I am now retired but during my professional career I was the co-founder and President of Computerized Structural Design, Consulting Engineers of Milwaukee, WI and Englewood, CO. At the time I retired, CSD was one of the largest structural engineering firms in the country. My organization designed hundreds of large industrial and commercial buildings all across the US. In addition to our design work, we also provided consulting services to analyze and repair distressed buildings dealing with structural failures as well as wall and roof leakage. Many of our clients were Insurance Companies that insured these distressed buildings. A number of our insurance company clients had a substantial presence in southeastern Wisconsin. They asked us if we would expand our services to include evaluation of distressed residential buildings and houses in southeastern Wisconsin – which we did. It was in this context that I got to know Dale Dobbe and his firm.

There are many contractors that offer repair services for distressed basements. We interviewed many of them on behalf of our clients. Many offered suggestions and detailed proposals as to how they would do the repair. In most cases we found that they had proposed repair procedures that we knew would not work to solve the problem. In some instances the repairs they proposed were inordinately expensive because they proposed to do work that was not required.

Our experience is that Basement Specialists heads a VERY small list of basement repair contractors that are competent, honorable, dependable and practical. Dale Dobbe has kept up with the newest technological advances related to basement repairs. I trust and highly recommend Dale and his firm. My professional background

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includes having a doctorate in structural engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and having obtained Professional Engineering Registration in numerous states. I take recommendations such as this very seriously. You will not make a mistake if you retain Basement Specialists to solve your basement problems.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donald R. Buettner', with a stylized, cursive script.

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