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To whom it may concern:

I was a student in the course "Morality and Medicine" taught by George Borg during the spring semester of the 2016-2017 academic year at the University of Pittsburgh. I found the class very enlightening and enjoyable. Mr. Borg's pedagogy challenged my critical thinking and allowed me to grow. By examining the philosophical logic behind controversial bioethical arguments, I learned things about myself that I hadn't realized beforehand. Concurrently, I began to understand why people think differently than I do. It was the first class that I took that addressed extremely controversial topics, like abortion and GMO's (genetically modified organisms). And it was the first setting that provided a logical, academic, and professional explanation as to why there exists vastly different opinions behind these controversial topics. Mr. Borg provided his students with clear, objective views on several topics and I, personally, do not think the class could have been taught better. Additionally, during office hours, it was a pleasure to find that he was personable and genuinely caring for others.

Since taking the course, I have found some of the things I learned there to be helpful for thinking about topics that have arisen in other courses and in daily life. For example, our discussions of the ethics of universal health care and markets for organs helped me think about issues in cultural anthropology and the ethics of abortion were useful for engaging in discussions in gender studies. I have also had occasion to discuss the ethics of animal rights in a casual setting.

It was my pleasure to be Mr. Borg's student and I wish him the absolute best for the future.

Sincerely,

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