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To Whom It May Concern:

As Chairman of the Chevrolet Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix, I had the opportunity to work with Lotoya Vongrechin over the past four years to develop the PNC Detroit Public Schools *Grow Up Great* and *Fifth Gear* programs. These programs were held each year in conjunction with the Grand Prix and offered approximately 600-700 fifth grade students the opportunity to participate in learning events which combined a mathematics and science curriculum through real-world applications in motorsports. Our end goal was to spark student interest in careers of science, technology, engineering and math. The programs were very well received and provided students the opportunity to combine what they learned in the classroom with hands on activities and demonstrations focused on key concepts in racing like friction, gravity, aerodynamics and safety.

My team and I found Lotoya to be organized, easy to work with and her attention to detail ensured that our programs were a success with great takeaway value for the students. She also acted as liaison between the Grand Prix organization and Detroit Public Schools making sure that all elements of the day ran smoothly for teachers and students alike.

I would recommend Lotoya to anyone interested in hosting an event and look forward to being able to work with her again in the future.

If you have any further questions, I can be reached at 248-648-2580.

Bud Denker
Chairman
Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix