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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in strong support of Barbara Bakker's application to become an Emeritus faculty. Barb Baker has been a valued member of the faculty in Kinesiology and Public Health. She was an excellent instructor who contributed to the preparation of a countless number of Health Education teachers. She led the Health Endorsement minor for substantial number of years. Students were drawn to the minor significantly due to her effectiveness in the classroom. Barb Bakker had a great rapport with students. During the years she led the Health Education minor, she worked closely and collegially with physical education faculty to make sure students had a seamless academic experience pursuing double endorsements in physical education and health. She also initiated a fully online program for the endorsement of current teachers in health education. She was certainly one of the pioneers for online education at UNI as this program started in the early days of online education. The online endorsement program alone graduated over 250 students since its inception.

Barb Bakker was an exceptional professional and colleague. The department wishes that we still had her in our faculty roster.

Please let me know if you have any questions,



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