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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for Dr. Leigh Zeitz's nomination for the esteemed title of Professor Emeritus following his remarkable 25 years of dedicated service to the University of Northern Iowa.

Dr. Zeitz has been an invaluable asset to our institution, embodying the high standards of teaching excellence, scholarship, and academic leadership throughout his tenure. He has left a memorable mark on generations of students and colleagues alike, inspiring countless individuals through his passion for his field of education and learning technology and his commitment to supporting his colleagues, students, and campus whenever the opportunity arrives.

Dr. Zeitz's numerous accolades, including the UNI Ross A. Nielsen Professional Service Award (2023); the Global Collaboration Network Award for Innovation by The International Society for Technology in Education ISTE (2020), U.S. President's Volunteer Service Award (2017), and the Provost Excellence in Teaching with Technology Award (2014) underscore his outstanding contributions.

As his student and then colleague, I have had the privilege of witnessing firsthand the profound impact Dr. Zeitz has had on the academic community. He has consistently demonstrated not only exceptional expertise in his area of specialization but also a genuine dedication to mentorship, guiding students with care and compassion as they navigate their academic and professional journeys. He has educated and mentored numerous graduate students, helping them become leaders in the Iowa educational system.

Dr. Zeitz's advocacy for modern technologies has transformed our digital landscape, fostering efficiency and collaboration within the College of Education (COE). As a master of ceremonies at UNI-sponsored events, Dr. Zeitz has helped foster a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere on campus, further enhancing our university's reputation as a friendly community.

In recognition of Dr. Zeitz's exemplary service and positive impact on our institution, I wholeheartedly endorse his nomination for the title of Professor Emeritus. I am confident that, even in retirement, he will continue to serve as a beacon of wisdom, guidance, and inspiration, embodying the values and ideals that define our academic community.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

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