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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been asked to write a letter of recommendation for Jeremy Baumann, and am happy to do so.

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As a three-time Tony award winner, I work with many people from extremely diverse backgrounds. Jeremy is amongst the kindest, most dependable people I have known since we met working on the Broadway play "Tap Dance Kid" in the 1980's. I found him to be as conscientious, considerate and responsible a person then as the man I know him as today.

We have been through a lot as good friends in the past...25 or so years, and I have found him to be strong, creative, considerate and fair throughout it all in both his business and personal life. I was honored to be one of the "four best men" at Jeremy's wedding. Even during this ceremony, he refused to choose one good friend over another as his buddies were all equal in his heart.

If you are considering Jeremy as a writer, I can sum up my experiences with him easily – Jeremy writes what I want, when even I don't know what I want. He has worked on my screenplays, stage scripts, and other projects. He has an uncanny ability to bring dialogue to life, like few writers I have worked with.

If this letter is for a co-op board review, I think anyone would be happy to have Jeremy and his lovely wife as neighbors. I think they compliment each other beautifully and we should all have more neighbors them.

I understand that Jeremy recently "put down" his dog, so no reference is required for him, but any employer, landlord or co-op board in the city should know that Jeremy & his German shepherd, Java, did invaluable work as volunteers for the city and its residents after 9/11. Their Abyssinian cat, Sam, was originally my cat which they were kind enough to take care of when I left to tour with a show, and they have been kind enough to adopt him.

Sincerely,
Hinton Battle