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To whom it may concern:

I had the pleasure of working with Arun Datta on multiple projects over several years in my former role as the School Health Program Manager for the Illinois Departments of Human Services and Public Health.

The initial project focused on creating a system to collect freshman student health data from approximately 200,000 school physicals across the state. The project started in the beginning of 2009, primarily to address the need to collect data on childhood obesity that was a major concern in the State of Illinois and elsewhere. The system developed under this project was useful for the Center for Disease Control which was assessing methods to collect childhood obesity prevalence data. The subsequent project, School Health Information Project (SHIP), focused on collecting data on patient encounters from 64 school health centers. A third project was designed to collect data on health education encounters from Coordinated School Health Grantees. Attached you will find a list of publications and presentations related to the projects.

Dr. Datta was readily available to develop project plans that met our unique needs, answer questions, make modifications as needed, provide technical assistance. Time lines were always met as promised. Phone calls were always returned within 24 hours irrespective of wherever he was at that time. I recall he returned my calls from Costa Rica and China.

I found Arun to be personable, extremely knowledgeable and accommodating. He showed great patience in explaining the system to me and making multiple modifications as our needs changed.

Sincerely,

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