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To whom it may concern,

I have known Peter Horváth since 2009 when I have had the opportunity working with him as a full profesor at Department of Political Science in UCM, Trnava. Peter has taken serious and courageous steps toward founding and developing Faculty of Social Sciences at UCM. The successful story of the Faculty, its Departments, Students and Academic/Research Staff confirms the management skills and innovation driven creativity of Peter Horvath. He has build competitive and competent academic workplace in Slovakia.

Peter Horvath himself has continuously cultivated and directed research, teaching skills and visions of discipline into the field of Public Administration while maintaining his academic profile focusing on politics and policies of the Slovak Republic and makig profound impact on its Academia.

The abovementioned is witnessed in his publications including those recorded in Web of Science or Scopus databases. He has also authored two essential monographs that also prove his professional interest and dedication to political system in Slovakia: *Actors of public policy: Slovakia 2012-2016* and *President in the executive power in Slovakia*.

Looking at the academic and personal profile of the candidate I believe he meets and literally exceeds the minimum criteria established by Faculty of Social Sciences and similar other faculties in Europe to become a full professor in the field of Public Administration.

Sincerely,

Prof. Sarunas Liekis, PhD.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Liekis', written over a light blue horizontal line.