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Jimmy Chong Scholarship Selection Committee,

It is with great honor and pleasure that I write this letter of support on behalf of Keelan Wilson's application for the Jimmy Chong Scholarship. My name is Johnny Hill, and I serve as the Assistant Director for the Engineering Student Success Center (ESSC) in the Cockrell School of Engineering at The University of Texas at Austin. I have taken notice of Keelan's keen analytical skills, oral communication prowess, leadership competency, and his moral and cultural awareness. Keelan is the quintessential candidate to be selected for this scholarship opportunity.

I had the opportunity to first meet Keelan in the fall of 2016 during our university's first-year student orientation weekend. He immediately set himself apart amongst his peers during orientation by asking important questions and staying engaged during our information session. He elected to get further involved and became a member of our Heman Sweatt Center for Collegiate Males. I have had the privilege of being a part of the leadership team for the Heman Sweatt Center for over nine years and, therefore, had the opportunity to interact with Keelan through his various roles within the organization. He was always courteous during our weekly Power Hour meetings, and his mental aptitude, self-accountability, and responsiveness are unmatched.

Keelan naturally steps into leadership roles and possesses a strong inclination and commitment to serve the communities he is a part of. During our annual university first-year student orientation weekend, he consistently volunteered and shared campus resources with new students to promote a holistic college experience. He was such a valuable resource to our leadership team that we offered him a leadership role as a Heman Sweatt Fellow. Needless to say, he thrived in this role, and our entire community benefited from his scholarship, leadership, and mentorship.

Keelan's social impact has aided hundreds of underserved pre-college students in the Austin area through Heman Sweatt Center outreach initiatives. He has volunteered in every major program we host, including College for a Day, the Wall Street Experience, Power Hours, First-Year Orientation Weekend, study abroad initiatives, Black Graduation, and many others designed to promote higher education access. During these events, we can always count on him to stay behind to address additional questions from students and their families. Parents frequently commend his attentiveness and professionalism in their evaluations. He is consistently the first to volunteer and the last to leave. It has been a privilege to watch him use his interpersonal skills and academic background to uplift and empower underserved communities through education.

My role at The University of Texas at Austin has allowed me to work with some of the brightest students in the world. These individuals will undoubtedly have a meaningful impact on society. I can confidently say that among these students, few possess the level of ambition, passion, tenacity, focus, and

resilience that Keelan demonstrates. His forward-thinking mindset and commitment to service align strongly with the values of the Jimmy Chong Scholarship, particularly its commitment to supporting future lawyers who advocate for underrepresented communities and contribute to a more inclusive legal profession.

Our university's tagline is "what starts here changes the world," and Keelan embodies this principle. Through his leadership, service, and continued pursuit of a legal education, he has demonstrated the ability to uplift others, think critically, and contribute to meaningful change. I am proud to offer my full support for Keelan Wilson's application for the Jimmy Chong Scholarship and am confident that he will continue to create positive impact as a future member of the legal profession.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Hill', written over a light blue grid background.

Johnny Hill | Assistant Director | Title IX Liaison

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