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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to be able to write this letter of recommendation regarding our experience with Dinyar Wadia and the team at Wadia Associates.

Building a home had been a longtime aspiration. My wife and I knew that finding the 'right' architect was critical. While we had numerous ideas and desires of our own, we were determined to work with an architect who would both listen to us yet at the same time lead us in the process toward a home that was aesthetically pleasing, functional and historically authentic as well.

To our surprise our first meeting with Dinyar lasted four hours. In that time, we moved from the building site to his office and then to a recently completed Wadia home. By the end of that meeting we had decided that Wadia Associates was the right choice for designing our new home.

Throughout the process Dinyar encouraged us to stay very involved in the design development and to make the home truly custom and unique. At the same time the process was an education, as we learned what was appropriate and what was not for a Shingle style home of the late 1800s. With this in mind, Dinyar carefully balanced this design focus with our desires, as well as the necessities of a home built in 2008. One of our favorite details in the house is the baluster and banister design of the staircase. After pouring over photos of historic shingle style homes, various drafts and then several mock-ups were made to achieve just the right scale and effect. That is just one example of the lengths to which Dinyar went to get the details just right.

When it came to construction, we chose another builder who we had a relationship with. As a result, I was slightly concerned about how construction administration would be handled. I have to say that my concerns were unfounded as Dinyar and his team were completely supportive through the entire building process. So much so, that when it came time to work on the furnishings for our home, we engaged James Petersen, Wadia Associates' Interior Designer. James brought the same cooperative approach that we had enjoyed on the home design, taking into account our ideas but ensuring the result was appropriate for the house. James also succeeded in integrating many of our existing pieces of furniture and artwork into the house, something which was very important to us.

With the construction complete, we have just moved into our new shingle style home designed by Wadia Associates. We could not be more pleased with the finished product and the process which brought us here. Virtually every guest has a comment- or many- about the moldings, the details and the overall feel of the house. From our first meeting to our last, Dinyar and the team at Wadia Associates stayed committed to designing a great home for our family, one which has truly exceeded our expectations. As a result, we already feel very much at home here, and we are certain that this will be a great place for our family in the years to come. And, while the thought of building another home is far over the horizon, there is no question that if that day comes, the architect we would choose would again be Wadia Associates.

Sincerely,



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