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To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure to recommend **Alberto Pinero**. Over my forty years working for **NASA**, I have had the opportunity to work with many talented engineers and innovators, and Alberto stands out among them as one of the most capable and forward-thinking individuals I have encountered.

After joining the **Sensor Data Acquisition System (SDAS)** team, it was clear that Alberto saw the world differently. His ability to connect ideas across disciplines, to see opportunity where others see limitation, and to act decisively on those insights reminded me of the early days of Silicon Valley innovation. In fact, I often introduced him to colleagues as our own “Mark Zuckerberg”, not for showmanship, but because of the rare mix of technical brilliance, creativity, and conviction he brings to every problem.

Alberto’s most impactful contributions centered on two major advancements: a **fully automated Daily Checks program** that revolutionized how we monitor and validate our sensor networks, and the deployment of **local AI workstation capabilities** that enabled secure AI-assisted analysis of sensitive data. His automation framework now saves several engineering hours each week, delivering clear visual diagnostics and performance trends that continue to improve our efficiency. The AI infrastructure he built also established one of the few officially approved AI use cases at Kennedy Space Center outside of Microsoft Copilot.

Beyond technical capability, Alberto brought a level of energy and intellectual curiosity that inspired those around him. His curiosity was genuine, his work ethic was unmatched, and his moral compass was unwavering. In an environment that values both innovation and reliability, Alberto demonstrated both to the highest degree. I hold Alberto in the highest regard and have every confidence that he will continue to make meaningful contributions wherever he goes. He represents the next generation of engineers and thinkers that NASA and the world needs.

Sincerely,

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