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SUBJECT
Letter of recommendation for Paradoks study tour 'Wahweenga'

Dear colleague,

I write this recommendation as Scientific Director of the Technical Medical Centre at the University of Twente.

When I studied Mechanical Engineering around 1986, Paradoks was just starting and I am pleased to say that I was one of the first board members of the student association. From that perspective, I am absolutely thrilled that Paradoks has become a mature student association representing students who study biomedical engineering and technical medicine.

They are now organizing the study trip to Canada and the United States to assess "*How do the technical (bio)medical sectors of Canada and the United States strive towards perfection?*". I believe that this topic is of high interest because, although in The Netherlands we have a thriving medical-technical industry and one of the best health care systems, there is much to be learned from the way healthcare and industry do things differently and (perhaps) more perfectly. There are large differences how entrepreneurs and start-ups run their businesses and how they are funded. Furthermore, the healthcare system is organized very differently than the Dutch system.

I therefore highly support this study tour and hope that the students can raise the required budget and realize their traveling plans.

Yours sincerely,

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