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**Re: Letter of Support for Mr./Ms. XXXXXXX**

Dear Selection Committee:

This letter is written in support of Mr./Ms. XXXXXX’s application for Student Scholarship Award to attend the XXXX conference. XXXX is a second year PhD student working under my guidance on an NSF funded research project in the area of pipeline leakage detection.

As part of the NSF funded project, XXXX has been investigating local energy harvesting potential in buried pipeline systems to power sensors for leakage detection. His preliminary work has focused on measuring the energy output from the flow-induced vibrations and evaluating the impact of soil backfill on vibrational characteristics used in leakage detection. This conference provides the opportunity for researchers, industry professionals and students to share ideas and formulate the future goals and path of the pipeline industry.

A conference is a great place for graduate students to meet with other researchers and develop new ideas. I have no doubt that this funding opportunity would help XXXX in developing his own academic network and learn about other innovative studies in the area of condition assessment of pipeline systems. I endorse his application for Student Scholarship Award and ensure to provide additional funds if required.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of this letter further, please do not hesitate to contact me at my office at (XXX) XXX-XXXX.

Sincerely,

YYYYYY, Ph.D.