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Date: March 7th, 2024 To: Houston Pilots Re: Letter of Recommendation for Karynn Marchal

To whom it may concern,

It is with great enthusiasm that I am writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of Captain Karynn Marchal. I have had the pleasure of sailing with Karynn aboard the Maersk Iowa, where she is serving as Chief Officer, and is currently training as Relief Master. Karynn is the consummate professional who works very effectively and proficiently with all the tasks that she is responsible for. Her personality, good judgement, ship handling skills, coupled with her professional knowledge makes her a perfect candidate to become a pilot.

Personally, I have served as an unlimited tonnage Master since 2012, when I was 34 years old, which at the time was the youngest ever to sail as Master for Maersk Line Ltd. Over the years I have encountered many Ship's Officers and worked alongside many Pilots from all over the world.

My only reason for illustrating any of these details is to convey that I understand the challenges pilots face. I understand the pressures a pilot must manage and overcome, as well as the fortitude and mindset a good pilot should possess.

In my "short" career, I have had the opportunity to see many put to the test, and I firmly believe that Captain Marchal has what it takes to be exceptional. Her drive and passion for the industry is impossible to miss and will serve her well if granted the opportunity to hone it further.

Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

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