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Emotional Support Animals for CaMaria James DOB 03/10/2005

To Whom It May Concern,

CaMaria James's mental health has been evaluated and reviewed. I am familiar with the patient's symptomology, history and limitations imposed by their disability.

CaMaria James has been diagnosed with Generalized Anxiety Disorder and depression. This diagnosis substantially limits one or more of my patient's major life activities. This diagnosis meets the definition of disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Fair Housing Act, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 §504.

In order to help reduce impairment and alleviate difficulties as a result of CaMaria James's diagnosis, I am recommending emotional support animals to accompany them. Reasonable accommodations should be given to CaMaria James and they should be allowed to live with their emotional support animals. CaMaria James has two dogs, Hunter and Koda. Hunter provides routine and affection, greatly aiding to reduce depressive symptoms. Koda can sense when anxiety is increasing and can help to stabilize these symptoms quickly.

This letter meets the legal requirements under the (Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968)), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Pub. L. No. 93-112, 87 Stat. 394 (Sept. 26, 1973), codified at 29 U.S.C. 5701 et seq.), the Americans with Disabilities Act (Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Pub. L. No. 101-336, 104 Stat. 328 (1990). and The Department of Transportation (DOT) 14 CFR Part 382 "final order" (12/02/2020)

Any assessment of the appropriateness of the emotional support animal's behavior is beyond the scope of the practice of the evaluator. This assessment and accommodations are valid for one year from the date of issuance. The pet owner assumes all responsibility for the training, safety, cleanliness, health and conduct of their animals at all times.

Hunter, Dog, Labrador Retriever, 100 lbs.

Koda, Dog, Miniature Dachshund, 10 lbs.

Sincerely,



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