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Emotional Support Animals for Mercedes Obora DOB 06/27/1975

To Whom It May Concern,

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

Mercedes Obora has been diagnosed with a mental health condition recognized by the DSM-5 that involves symptoms relating to depression and insomnia. 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 Mercedes Obora's diagnosis, I am recommending emotional support animals to accompany them. Reasonable accommodations should be given to Mercedes Obora and they should be allowed to live with their emotional support animals. Mercedes Obora has two dogs that each serve a distinct purpose in helping to alleviate symptoms on a daily basis. Sparkie helps with motivation and depressive features and Bingo helps nighly to alleviate insomnia. They both play an integral part in her life.

This letter meets the legal requirements under the (Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968)), Section504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Pub. L. No. 93-112, 87 Stat. 394 (Sept. 26, 1973), codified at 29U.S.C. 5 701 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 Part382 "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.

Sparkie, Dog, Rat Terrier, 25 lbs.

Bingo, Dog, Rat Terrier, 25 lbs.

Sincerely,



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