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To Whom It May Concern....

As President and Owner of Preferred Builders, Inc., for 22 years, my opinion of Rick Straus is based on first hand experience.

Rick Straus exhibited attention to detail and tenacity during extreme testings, the results have certainly brought credit to our strong reputation in the Home Building Industry.

It is with great pleasure to take this time recommending Rick for any position he feels ready to meet, for I know he will meet any and all challenges construction can serve at him with integrity, zeal and tenacity.

Thanks Rick for your service and I know you'll do extremely well.

Sincerely, your friend,



A.P. Kociscak
President
Preferred Builders Inc.