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Dear Professor Desai,

We are writing to thank you for your commitment to improving the quality of undergraduate writing instruction on our campus. By choosing to participate in the Writing Fellows program over the past four years, you have done a great deal to help your students improve their writing, and you've helped to create new opportunities for intellectual exchange among students and between students and faculty members.

The substantial success of the Writing Fellows program is due in no small measure to the considerable time and energy you have devoted to the program. By taking the time to meet with the Writing Fellows to discuss your expectations for writing assignments and to guide their responses to your students' drafts, you have maximized their chances for success. Perhaps even more important, you have given the undergraduate Writing Fellows a unique opportunity to enter into teaching partnerships with professors—a significant role for an undergraduate here at UW-Madison.

Writing and communication skills are essential learning outcomes for UW students. Helping our students appreciate the power of clear, precise writing and showing them how to claim that power for themselves are ongoing goals for the College of Letters and Science and the University. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to helping achieve these goals.

Sincerely,

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