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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to support the nomination of Aaron Tidman for the Best Lawyers Under 40 Award. Aaron was an asset to President Obama's re-election campaign as a lawyer, fundraiser, and LGBT organizer. He is a unique leader who is highly skilled, dynamic, and sincere.

Aaron began organizing fundraisers for young attorneys through the Democratic National Committee in 2010. He helped plan an event for "Lawyers for Obama" featuring Paul Smith and also an event for Syracuse Law alumni featuring Vice President Joe Biden. After those successes, Aaron joined the distinguished *Obama Victory Trustees* and worked to engage with LGBT lawyers and allies across the country. He played a critical role in organizing events featuring senior level campaign surrogates including First Lady Michelle Obama.

After two years of significant work during his spare time, Aaron made the bold decision to join the campaign full time for the last several months leading up to the President's re-election. He assumed the role of Regional Voter Protection Director for Northern Virginia in September of 2012. In that role, he was responsible for 18 counties across Northern Virginia where he recruited, trained, and organized hundreds of volunteer lawyers to serve as poll observers on Election Day. He established relationships with local counsel, local party chairs, board of election officials, and registrars to ensure that men and women throughout the state had their voting rights protected. On Election Day, he managed a team of 15 lawyers at a regional desk in the boiler room and resolved Virginia election law issues as they arose, including problems related to voter ID and voter registration, police presence at polling locations, and broken voting machines.

It is rare to meet someone as dedicated, enthusiastic and talented as Aaron Tidman. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 904 4128 or marootianj@dnc.org if I can provide more information to support his nomination for the Best Lawyers Under 40 Award.

Sincerely,

Jeff Marootian
LGBT Outreach Director
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