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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my privilege to submit this letter of recommendation on behalf of Mr. Dean Myrick, a candidate for NJCAA Men's Senior Administrator.

As Chair of the NJCAA Eligibility Committee, I have witnessed, first-hand, the role of our Men's and Women's Senior Administrators and how integral they are to the success of our association. These individuals must be fully vested in the NJCAA and have a thorough understanding of how the association works. Few individuals can match Dean's breadth of experience – 26 years as an NJCAA athletic director, head coach, region director and commissioner – and, subsequently, his astute understanding of the two-year college athletics environment.

Dean has also both served on and chaired numerous NJCAA committees including Division I Men's Basketball, which I had the privilege of serving on during the 2022-23 season. One of my takeaways from that experience is that Dean truly advocates for the association – it was never about him or his region; it was about what was best for the sport and for the NJCAA. The Senior Administrators must think strategically about what is in the best interests of the 500-plus member colleges and thousands of young men and women who participate annually, and I have no reservations about Dean's ability to do just that.

As the landscape of college athletics continues to change, strong and steady leadership is critical, even when that means presenting a differing opinion or objecting to the status quo. I am confident in Dean's ability to discern how and when to make the hard decisions, but in a respectful manner that fosters a collaborative spirit amongst his peers.

I have a tremendous amount of respect for Mr. Dean Myrick, and I enthusiastically support his nomination for NJCAA Men's Senior Administrator.

If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Rob Chaney
FCSAA Associate Director/Athletics Commissioner