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To Whom It May Concern:

Mr. John Devens has done considerable carpentry and other work for us, and it has all been done to a high standard of quality and in a timely manner. John is a pleasure to work with and is exceptionally reliable. We have without hesitation let him keep a key.

One project done by Mr. Devens was especially impressive. We wanted to have a cylindrical, pneumatic elevator installed. This required his completely rebuilding our stairway, changing it from two flights and a landing to eliminating the landing and having the lower half curve around where the three-floor elevator would be placed. For our convenience, we wanted the new stairway, and holes in the floor for the elevator, completed while we were spending several months up north. Mr. Devon did an excellent job, without supervision, and completed it on schedule for for installation of the elevator.

Other projects done for us by Mr. Devens include:

- 1. Replacement of the wood decks on the front, side, and rear of our house. For the rear deck, he built an attractive railing that acts as a fence for our dog. Additionally, he replaced the wood deck off our third floor bedroom. This also required applying a special waterproofing material on the flat roof under that deck.
- 2. Mr. Devens also built a weather protective enclosure around our elevator on the ground level.
- 3. Mr. Devens removed a steel spiral staircase which took up too much space on our enclosed porch.

- 4. Mr. Devens has also been willing to do numerous small jobs which have been beyond my skills. He has also built three gates in our railings and painted them, as well as painting other railings, etc.
- 5. When we first moved into our home, Mr. Devens re-screened our back porch. He has since adapted a double-door-wide, spring-loaded roller screen so that I can quickly roll it out of the way when I do not want to have to look through it.
- 6. Mr. Devens is now in the process of modifying an old front door to install in the opening leading to our rear patio.

We first learned of Mr. Devens when we moved here five years ago. He was highly recommended to us by our next-door neighbor. Mr. Devens has done many jobs for others in our neighborhood and for our neighborhood association. I have never heard a complaint from anyone.

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Sincerely.

James R. Best