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To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Mr. Jarrell D. Johnson. Mr. Johnson has an exceptional background for pursuing the position of National Programs Chairperson for the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE). He currently serves as chapter president for the NSBE-MIT Chapter. In this position, Mr. Johnson has gone beyond the call of leadership. In his first month of presidency, he increased the chapter membership from 8 to over 100. He has also began the planning of the first ever New England Zone PCI Conference. As Chapter President, he has promoted Academic Excellence and had nearly 60 of our members to verify their GPAs. He has also shown his commitment to NSBE by being the first collegiate lifetime member of the society and was honored by Region I as the member of the year.

Mr. Johnson has a number of other strengths including the ability to lead a team in the face of hardship. At one time, MIT was not able to attend the 35th Annual National Convention due to financial difficulties. With the help of Mr. Johnson, MIT was able to send 6 PCI students and 30 collegiate students to the National Convention through solicitation from various departments of MIT and corporation donations. He has a particularly strong capability in breaking down complex problems and an exceptional ability to call upon his past experiences to help solve problems. He used his experiences as program coordinator for the Office of Minority Education at MIT to help plan the upcoming PCI Conference and will use these experiences to serve as an effective National Programs Chairperson. Mr. Johnson always demonstrates a remarkable level of thoroughness in his work. As a dedicated member of the NSBE-MIT chapter, I believe Jarrell D Johnson will serve as a great National Programs Chairperson for the 2009-2010 academic year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shannon Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shannon C. Roberts
Former Region 1 Academic Excellence Chair, 2008
Former Region 1 New England Zone Secretary, 2007-2008
Former NSBE-MIT Chapter Secretary, 2006-2007