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To who it may concern,

My name is Rodney Kilborn. I live on Maui and I have an event production company called 'Handsome Bugga Productions' and the ASP Representative on Maui.

I produce and organize big wave paddle events, tow-in events, SUP events and I work along side the Big Wave World Tour. I have been in this industry for over 40+ years and I am very well connected with the corporate leaders and the professional surfers and towsurfers that come to Maui to surf and tow into Pe'ahi aka: JAWS.

This is a letter of recommendation for my long time friend, business partner and industry associate of 15 years, Eric Akiskalian. Eric is one of the most respected individuals and big wave towsurfers in our industry. He has spent the last 15 years promoting the sport and athletes, putting on big wave events, securing sponsorships, multi media productions and has become the go to guy for all the latest news in big wave sessions from around the world through his social media outlets.

Eric has traveled the globe in search of the biggest waves he can find and ride and has done so with many of the biggest names on the list. He is also a highly experienced PWC driver and rescue personal as well as a tow-in instructor that takes great pride in his work and commitment to educate others about the ocean and safety.

We have worked together on many tow-in events through The Association of Professional Towsurfers that we founded in 2002. Eric was not only responsible for day to day operations but also the organization of events and media as well as with water safety and rescue with our events.

I would highly recommend that if you have the opportunity to hire Eric for any tow-in safety courses, social media and marketing that you take advantage of his available and valuable time and services which will enhance your company's goals and structure.

Where ever Eric goes, he's doing immense amount of self promotion which helps his online business called Towsurfer.com. Where ever he is or what ever he is doing,

everyone finds out. This is good for any business that retains his services.

Eric is one of the most responsible and honest individuals I know today and when he says he's going to do something, watch out, he gets it done and done right the first time.

Thank you for your time and if you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Aloha Nui Loa & Malama Ke Kai,

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