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Dear Professor Stevenick

I am writing this letter on behalf of Mr. Radu Dobrin who has applied for a research associate position in your group. I have known Radu for last four years. Although I was not a member of his Ph.D. guidance committee, I have had many occasions to discuss physics with him. He also given several talks here at Michigan State, which I have attended. Radu is very bright and likes to think about problems in an unconventional fashion. Towards the end of his thesis Radu showed a considerable degree of independence and maturity. With Professor Phil Duxbury, he developed a thorough understanding of the connection between the bond invasion percolation in random networks and the minimal spanning tree in a network.

His work on the random field Ising model is quite interesting. Phil (Duxbury) told me that Radu had come up with several new and interesting results on his own. I am confident he can make a significant contribution to your research program and therefore strongly recommend him for a research associate position.



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Sincerely,

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