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Dear Colleagues:

I am writing to recommend **Shabbar Raza** for a postdoctoral research position with your group in theoretical/phenomenological high energy physics. I recommend him very highly!

Shabbar is a graduate student of Qaisar Shafi at Bartol Institute at University of Delaware. I got to know him mainly via an email collaboration with him and Qaisar on two papers we wrote on  $b - \tau$  Yukawa unification and also one on allowing for heavy gluinos in  $t - b - \tau$  Yukawa coupling unification.

Plainly speaking, Shabbar is a computational whiz! He is a master at various tools for supersymmetry calculations. He was very reliable, and very thorough in his work. He also had a good grasp of what ideas we were trying to flesh out, and offered constructive comments on the physics content of our manuscripts.

Overall, I was very impressed with him, and would even like to offer him a position at Oklahoma if I had one. I suspect Shabbar is a hidden gem, and that you would be very pleased working with him.

Sincerely yours,

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