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Subject: Letter of Commendation – Sensei Debi Steven

FSKA is an international karate organization with membership in over 35 countries around the world.

Within FSKA, students and instructors progress through the "Dan" (Black Belt) ranks by means of an examination which requires many years of study and physical training. There is a required time frame between examinations; for example, a minimum of 2 years is required between 1st and 2nd Dan; a 3-year minimum between 2nd & 3rd, etc., and this is after the training required to achieve the 1st Dan rank (often 3 years or more).

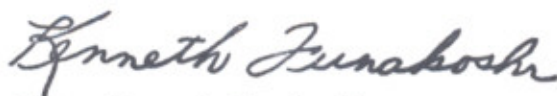
Also important to a Dan Candidates' ranking is their participation in various seminars and tournaments while still training. Additional areas of knowledge include teaching and judging tournament competitions. Any Dan candidate must be qualified in all areas mentioned above, as well as showing excellent technical skills.

Ms. Debi Steven was tested for her 4th Dan in 2002 after fulfilling ALL FSKA exam requirements – physical training as well as teaching and participating in seminars on a regular basis. She has proven herself an extremely capable instructor, as evidenced by the spirit and enthusiasm of her many students who participate in the various tournaments and championships held in England – most notably the FSKA 9th World Karate Championships held in Crawley, England in 2008! She is one of a very select group of instructors who have been selected to receive the FSKA Instructor Certificate due to her efforts and achievements in the art of Shotokan Karate. She also participates in seminars whenever possible with the goal of furthering her knowledge and understanding of karate.

Sensei Steven truly earned her rank of 4th Dan and we are proud to have her as an Affiliated Instructor and member of our organization – her enthusiasm and commitment to the art of karate is exemplary.

If you require any additional information, you are welcome to contact us, or check our website (www.fska.com).

Sincerely,



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