



Letter of Recommendation

My name is Dr. Eric L. Weiss, and it is my pleasure to introduce the portable Merlin water purifier to you. By way of background, I trained in medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, Emergency Medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles, before joining the faculty in Emergency Medicine at Stanford University. I have since then gone on to start my own private practice in the town of Woodside, California. Two parts of my current medical practice are relevant to the subject of safe drinking water: I travel the world with Stanford University providing medical support to traveling alumni and often travel through areas where local medical care is very resource challenged, and I am also very involved with Emergency Preparedness working with my local community as well as local Fire Department.

The Merlin water purifier has the potential to greatly impact both of these areas of my expertise. From a disaster preparedness perspective, having a durable, portable, affordable, solar powered source of clean drinking water in the case of a local or regional emergency is invaluable. Current options include local stockpiling (impractical), large water purification systems (expensive), or small mechanical or chemical systems (unable to meet need). Merlin has none of these limitations.

Additionally, universal access to clean water continues to be an enormous global challenge, one only getting worse with an increasing population, contributions by climate change, and worsening geopolitical conflict, often tied to concerns over protecting access to clean water. Creative applications of the Merlin portable water system could help in many currently hostile and or complex situations.

The science upon which the Merlin water purifier system is based is solid, and I have analyzed the purified water lab test results. The Merlin unit has transformed water from clearly unpleasant sources to clean, pleasant, and most importantly, safe, drinking water.

Truly a life saver.

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