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To Whom It May Concern:

I had the pleasure of meeting Jeffrey Deskovic and hearing his amazing story. I wholeheartedly recommend his presentation to anyone interested in learning about wrongful convictions and exonerations. Not only is Mr. Deskovic's story enlightening and riveting, but it truly inspires every listener to persevere over all obstacles life presents, but also to insist on a better criminal justice system. Mr. Deskovic's story is appropriate and important to tell to a broad audience, from teenagers to adults, and from church groups to universities.

I am a third year law student at Syracuse University and president of the Actual Innocence Society. Our student group works to raise awareness of wrongful convictions and their causes, as well as develop a post-conviction clinic similar to the Innocence Project and other University-run programs that seek to exonerate wrongfully convicted persons. One of our goals is to bring in as many speakers as possible about this subject, from exonerees, to lawyers, to advocacy group members. Because of Mr. Deskovic's amazing story, our event was a huge success.

Over 100 people listened with rapt attention to Mr. Deskovic's eloquent story. Not only did he speak of his arrest and trial, but also his time in jail, his persistence in proving his innocence, his issues reentering society, and his thoughts on necessary reforms. He was completely engaging and thorough in his speech. He also answered every single question with poise and veracity. He successfully touches on all aspects of his ordeal, giving the listener a complete picture of life as an exoneree.

I highly recommend Jeffrey Deskovic as a speaker. His speech is a wonderful learning opportunity and extremely inspirational. You will not be disappointed.

Sincerely,

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