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Stephen Sroka, PhD

Dear Dr. Sroka:

On behalf of the Department of Family Medicine at University Hospitals of Cleveland, I am writing to thank you for the excellent presentation that you recently gave. As you know your presentation was during our major conference time. All faculty members and residents (physicians who are in training to become family physicians) were required to be in attendance. Because this is a mandatory conference, residents attend, but often do not give the presenter their full attention. However, inattention was certainly not the case during your presentation.

As in the past, your presentation was engaging, factual and extremely relevant for primary care physicians. You engaged the audience with your humor, knowledge and warmth. Later, many of the participants told me that they felt you were speaking directly to them. Your message was one of utmost importance-Drugs, Violence and Sex Among Adolescents. Clearly, you are very comfortable with a large or small group and know how to deliver a message that hits home! I know that several of the members of the audience had conflicts with the timing and needed to leave early, **but** no one left. I saw people standing at the back of the room near the door so they could exit quickly, but you kept them so engaged that they did not leave. This is truly the mark of an excellent speaker who is presenting a relevant message in a way that can be heard. Your talk was truly wonderful!

I could continue my accolades, but I think you get the point. You are indeed a talented and valuable resource. I am sure that your message would be well received by parents, adolescents and other health care providers. I hope that your busy schedule will not preclude your returning again to present to our department. As I said when I introduced you, in the 25 years that I have been on the faculty, you remain "the best speaker I invite" and department members always request that you be invited back for more lectures. Thank you so much for being the wonderful teacher and presenter that you are. You are certainly a marvelous resource for Cleveland and the nation. Keep up the good work. We need to hear your message.

Sincerely yours,

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