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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of Dr. Stephen Sroka. Dr. Sroka presented four workshops and a keynote address at the 25th Annual PRIDE World Drug Prevention Conference this past April in Cincinnati, Ohio. Dr. Sroka gave a fifteen-minute keynote address titled "The Power of One, Look What We've Done" that highlighted several groups of students throughout the country for their work in drug prevention.

Dr. Sroka's adult workshop titled, "Is It for Real? Beyond the Hype – Facts about Drug, Sex, and Violence Prevention," explored the research and reality about educating youth on drugs, sex, and violence. The youth workshops titled, "The Power of One to Change the Future: Doing the Right Thing, Right Now!" encouraged youth to be educated and empowered them to make healthy decisions now to change the future. All of his workshops were relevant and inspiring.

Some of the comments we received from the adults included: "This presentation was outstanding and extremely informative," "He's real, fair, non-biased, and giving shocking realities that work." Youth comments included: "Dr. Steve is amazing. He tells it like it is, and we need that so it will get through to us," "Stephen was awesome. He was so funny and really down with us. Couldn't have been on the topic any better," "Stephen conveyed his ideas really well. I like the way he was so open. The best way to keep young people's attention is to keep it straight."

Though I have had the opportunity to hear Dr. Sroka speak at several previous conferences, this was the first opportunity I had to work with him. Dr. Sroka was always pleasant and courteous to work with and made sure that all of his messages were appropriate to his audiences and followed along with our conference theme. It was an honor and pleasure to work with Dr. Sroka. I would highly recommend him for both adult and youth audiences in any setting.

If I can answer any questions that you may have or further strengthen Dr. Sroka's position with you, please do not hesitate to contact me at 800-668-9277 or via e-mail at prideyouth@ncats.net.

Sincerely,

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