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RE: Marcus Atkinson

To Whom it May Concern,

Please accept this correspondence as my personal reference and recommendation regarding Marcus Atkinson as a potential speaker for your event.

In my role as County District Attorney, I have had the privilege of working with Marcus on a number of community initiatives over the past four years. As a part of these initiatives, Marcus has been relied upon to be our group's spokesperson in putting forth - in a clear and concise manner - the group's objectives and mission statement. This has not always been easy, as the audience to whom the message was directed was at times hostile to the overreaching nature of the subject matter - race relations between law enforcement and Erie's minority population. His presentations can be characterized as truly balanced, accurately noting the "sides" from which his audience has viewed the issue at hand. Unlike some discussion forums in which productive input gives way to a shouting match, those events over which Marcus has presided as moderator were focused and remained on point.

As a trial attorney for almost thirty years, I am hyper-critical of the spoken word and one's ability to deliver a message effectively. In my opinion, Marcus is as fine a speaker I've witnessed in or outside the courtroom. I believe your organization will be well-served in having him at the podium.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. Thank you for time and attention herein.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jack Daneri". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.
Jack Daneri
District Attorney