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To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing to support Professor Eric Scerri's application to the speaker's bureau. I have heard Prof. Scerri speak to diverse audience on several occasions. He is a clear thinker and an articulate and exciting speaker. His knowledge of the history and structure of the periodic table of chemical elements is second to none; his perspective on the history and philosophy of science is engaging and intriguing. But what makes him an interesting and accessible speaker is his selection of memorable details which at one and the same time illuminate and amuse. While information overload is a risk for many speakers, Prof. Scerri's presentations are constructed in a way that is considerate of the needs of active and intelligent audiences who are new to a given topic of interest. Prof. Scerri combines a deep understanding of complex topics with a freshness of outlook that shows concern for newcomers to a labyrinth of technical information and factual detail.

In closing, I strongly endorse Prof. Scerri's application. The tenor of his presentation consistently balances the seriousness of the subject matter with a special delight in details. He does this artfully and in a manner that is positively contagious.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any further assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



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