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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to highly recommend Mr. Sam Mihara as a seasoned and highly engaging speaker on the World War II Japanese American incarceration experience. To have someone who is able to share — both the historical and personal dimensions of this critical event is extremely rare. As one of the organizers of the "Legacies of Incarceration" Symposium at Yale University held this past October . 2017, Mr. Mihara was highly recommended by his colleagues. Mr. Mihara's presentation to a crowd of community members, students (undergraduate and graduate), faculty, and the general public offered insights that told this story in an interesting and dynamic way. Every aspect of the presentation was highly professional from his carefully crafted Power Point to the issues he presented to the audience. While he visited Yale this past fall, Mr. Mihara presented at both Yale Law School and as part of our public conference, evidence of the versatility of his presentation for a wide range of audiences.

At a moment where this history is both critical and all-too relevant, I highly recommend Mr. Mihara and the stories and experiences to which he can share with university and public audiences. Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions.

Sincerely,

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