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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with immense pleasure and excitement that I am nominating my mentor and friend, Dr. Daniel Lieberman, for the Maricopa County Medical Society Lifetime Achievement Award. His years of earnest service to our community, including holding office in the Maricopa County Medical Society, service to patients and to fellow physicians define a career full of successes and achievements. It is fitting that Dr. Lieberman should be awarded this honor as he makes plans for retirement from the practice of medicine and yet continues with enthusiastic service to our community through innovative endeavors and collaboration with professionals across various industries.

Dr. Lieberman treated thousands of patients in his neurosurgery practice over his extensive career. His patients continue to seek him out years after their surgeries with him. These patients often cite their wonderful experience with Dr. Lieberman as the reason they came back to him years after the fact. Maya Angelou could have certainly been speaking about Dr. Lieberman when she said, "People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

As mentioned in his online biographical sketch, "Dr. Daniel Lieberman has a deep passion for helping people overcome chronic pain and regaining the life they deserve. He knew that with traditional open spine procedures, patients had to endure long, difficult recovery times. This is why Dr. Lieberman founded Phoenix Spine and Joint, to deliver a wholly patient-centric outpatient experience that he would expect for himself and loved ones if they were living with pain and limited mobility. Before entering into practice, Dr. Lieberman completed his neurosurgery residency at University of California San Francisco, the nation's leading neurosurgery program. Before that, Dr. Lieberman completed a three-year research fellowship at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, after graduating from the University of Arizona Medical School." In keeping with the mission and values of Phoenix Spine and Joint, Dr. Lieberman has created a unique environment within which physicians of various specialties and backgrounds are able to synergize their efforts and optimize the patient experience. This is truly a remarkable feat in these modern times.

Furthermore, Dr. Lieberman personifies the best of medical professionalism – his sincere desire to uplift and support fellow physicians is inspirational, non-assuming and humble. Dr. Lieberman is a willing mentor to physicians who must navigate the increasingly complex and difficult healthcare landscape. I have personally witnessed and benefited from Dr. Lieberman's kind spirit and shared expertise in matters of medicine, business, and beyond.

It is for all the aforementioned reasons and more that I enthusiastically nominate Dr. Daniel Lieberman for this honor and hope that you will find the breadth and wealth of his service to our community also deserving of this distinction.

All the best,

Ann Cheri Foxx, MD