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To whom it may concern,

It is my utmost pleasure and privilege to write this letter to support a nominee for MCMS Distinguished Service Individual Award, for one of the most skilled surgeons, patient advocates, and devoted mentor- Dr. Marc Matthews.

I had the opportunity of training under Dr. Matthews during my General Surgery Residency at the former Maricopa Integrated Health System, in Phoenix. Since my first month of rotation in the Burn Service, I was impressed by his ability to teach and grateful for his patience as I was learning the complexity of becoming a surgeon. Both in the surgical than clinical settings, I was impressed by his caring manners, compassion, and patient centered practice.

There is no doubt that Dr. Matthew played in important role in my steep growth curve throughout my residency. He has not only taught me how to be efficient, and practice individualized patient care but has also allowed me to independently care for very sick patients while in charge of the Burn Service as a Chief Burn resident.

Dr Matthews is also very passionate about his trainee's academic excellence. Under his mentorship, I was able to provide scientific contributions to the most prestigious surgery society conferences and peer reviewed journals.

As I transitioned to a faculty position, I continued to witness his constant dedication to resident's education with the same passion as he cared for many more burn victims.

I am proud to say that Dr. Matthews is one of the most well-rounded mentors I have encountered, and I am honored to have had the blessing of learning under him. His surgical skills are flawless, patient care is remarkable, and devotion to students, residents, and fellows' growth and development is unparalleled. I undoubtedly recommend him for a Distinguished Service Individual Award.

Please feel free to reach out to me should you have any further questions or require reference information regarding Dr Marc Matthews

Kind Regards,

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