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To Whom It May Concern:

I am delighted to provide this enthusiastic letter of endorsement for Mr. Michael Hingson. I met Michael when he was a keynote speaker at the VISIONS 2013 conference for the Foundation Fighting Blindness in Baltimore. At that event, I had the good fortune to get to know him as we sat together at dinner, and I felt that his presentation would be valuable to share with the Ophthalmology community at UCSF.

As a member of the Grand Rounds Selection Committee for the Department, I have invited many speakers to UCSF to share their expertise with our group of physicians, basic and translational vision scientists, optometrists, ophthalmology fellows, ophthalmology residents, medical students and members of the community. Michael Hingson provided us with a very special Grand Rounds lecture which captivated our audience from beginning to end. His compelling, presentation kept everyone on the edges of their seats, and elicited insightful questions and comments from physicians and basic scientists alike. His Grand Rounds presentation provided us with a welcome, valuable perspective on the experience of blindness in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The audience members rated his presentation extremely highly and gained insight from his account of his life experiences. The vast majority of attendees reported that they would definitely make changes in their practice setting as a result of his lecture.

Everyone who cares for patients with vision loss should hear Michael speak. He is a talented, entertaining and engaging presenter, and everyone in the audience will come away from the experience with new insights and understanding gained from his perspective. Everyone who cares about vision or caring for patients with physical challenges will undoubtedly benefit tremendously from his presentation. Michael Hingson is a tremendous speaker, and I give him my strongest possible recommendation, without reservation – you can't miss by inviting him to speak.

Sincerely,

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