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RE: Input for Maria Millan's Professional Evaluation

To Whom it May Concern:

I would like to express my appreciation for the Presidency of Dr. Maria Millan, and to offer this perspective as a part of her professional evaluation.

Dr. Millan has an encyclopedic knowledge of stem cell research and gene therapy. When she takes the podium to speak, I know I will hear something new, and in depth. Also—and this is important—she makes the effort to be understandable.

As someone who has been a patient advocate for many years, I hope for someone who will be an accessible source of information, and she is. If you have a question to ask, she will tell you. If she does not know the answer, which is rare, she will say, I will get back to you, and she will.

She has more than 30 years of experience. She has been a surgeon, and has literally held people's lives in her hand. This gives her an unparalleled appreciation of the California initiative.

Dr. Millan represents our beloved California stem cell program before audiences of all sizes: from a local appearance to an international conference.

She is an outstanding role model for young people.

Maria Millan brings pride to the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine, and we are fortunate to have her on our side.

Thank you,

Don C. Reed

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