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To Whom This May Concern:

It is with very high enthusiasm, I recommend Dialogues on Diversity (DoD) for any university/college, community, or business event. Mr. Ron Jones came to South Dakota State University for our 2nd Annual Student Leadership Summit on Diversity and Inclusion. Mr. Jones is high energy and he has an engaging personality that made for an enjoyable and learning experience for our students. He worked very closely with us to create a workshop that spoke to the theme and purpose of our Summit. The DoD workshop focused on micro literacies and biases among other topics. He very much wanted our students to walk away with concrete themes and concepts. There are many college students who attend diversity conferences that leave empty handed. They walk away with no practical knowledge and no tools to utilize in their roles as student leaders. After Mr. Jones's workshop, I know our students left the space energized, motivated, and better equipped to wrestle with the multifaceted issues of diversity and inclusion on our campus.

On our program evaluations, students gave consistent praise for Mr. Ron Jones and his energy. They really liked the interactive games. Student's really appreciated the way he spoke *to* them and not *at* them. Mr. Jones respected our student's knowledge base and did not talk over their heads, but rather he met them at their level and smoothly walked them through concepts of bias, stereotypes and prejudice.

I also have had the privilege to see "The Black Jew Dialogues" at NCORE 2013 in New Orleans, LA and I immediately knew it would be great for our campus. As a Program Advisor, it's hard to find speakers and programs that are equally engaging and informative. Mr. Ron Jones and Mr. Larry Tish have mastered that balance. "The Black Jew Dialogues" was fun to watch and intellectually stimulating. Mr. Ron Jones and Mr. Larry Tish have created a digestible, funny, and effective show for students and adults. As you watch the performance you are challenged to be self-reflective and critical of your own bias. "The Black Jew Dialogues" is done with charisma, passion, and humor which makes it is easier to process. Through witty comedy, Mr. Ron Jones and Mr. Larry Tish have mastered the techniques necessary to effectively deliver serious messages about diversity and inclusion. Through "The Black Jew Dialogu", Ron and Larry do a masterful job at deconstructing the idea that it's impossible to have a civil and effective conversation about diversity and inclusion.

It is with unequivocal support that I recommend the Dialogues on Diversity (DoD) workshops and "The Black Jew Dialogues" for your event. It is very well worth it and your students will benefit for years to come!

Sincerely,

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