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To Whom It May Concern:

It gives us great pleasure to sing the praises of Jimmy Tingle. The Howard County Chamber of Commerce engaged him to provide entertainment for our annual Signature Event in October, 2015.

The Chamber's Signature Event includes presentation of our Awards for Chamber Excellence, and has become a can't-miss evening in Howard County. In addition to a fabulous dinner, cocktails and socializing with friends, guests are entertained by a nationally recognized headline speaker. In the past, the Chamber has welcomed guests like: political pundits Paul Begala and Tucker Carlson, newsman Sam Donaldson, entertainer Roy Firestone, comedienne Carol Leifer, and humorist Dave Barry. Being that it is a business crowd, it is important we choose entertainers who are exciting and fun, but who can also understand the fine line of what is appropriate for our guests.

Jimmy's performance was right on target. He is a perfect blend of relatable humor with political commentary on current events to keep it fresh. We received glowing reviews from our guests, including feedback like "my face hurts from laughing so hard!" which is music to an event planner's ears following an event. Business people of all ages and backgrounds were doubled over with laughter, which is just what we were hoping for.

From a behind-the-scenes perspective, Jimmy was an absolute pleasure to work with. He was interested in getting to know the makeup of our crowd to be sure he delivered a performance they would enjoy, and checked in after the performance to find out if he was well-received. It is rare to find artists who are so talented yet so accommodating, with a genuine desire to meet the needs of your crowd.

Jimmy's performance at the Howard County Chamber's Signature Event was a smashing success! I wholeheartedly recommend the work of Jimmy Tingle, and we hope to be able to bring him back for a return performance at some point in the future.

Sincerely,



Kristi Simon

Director of Events, Howard County Chamber of Commerce