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To whom it may concern,

It is with great pleasure that I submit this letter on behalf of Dr. Facundo Iriarte, applicant to be a member of the Argentine Thoracic Surgery Association. Dr. Iriarte has recently completed his training in advanced thoracic surgery at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York between years 2021-2022. He graduated from San Miguel de Tucuman University School Of Medicine in Argentina in 2015 and trained in General Surgery at British Hospital of Buenos Aires from 2015 to 2020. Then, he completed a year of advanced minimally invasive thoracic surgical fellowship at Fox Chase Comprehensive Cancer Center of Temple University Health System.

I have worked with Dr. Iriarte extensively since he first arrived for his training at Memorial Sloan Kettering. He immediately proved to be a dedicated and methodical member of the house staff. As Facundo has advanced through his rotations he has shown even further improvement and has shown that he has a solid base knowledge, a rational thought process and superb organizational and interpersonal skills. I am quite confident that his professional qualities and skills will make him a leader in Thoracic Surgery.

During the past year Facundo has acquired advanced surgical skills to perform complex thoracic oncological case. He had extensive training both in and minimally invasive procedures including thoracoscopic and robotic approaches. Regarding moral and ethics values, he has provided the best care to our patients, showing to be a thoughtful, compassionate, and caring physician that patients and family members always commended and prize. Facundo always exhibited the highest level of professionalism during his interactions with ancillary staff and students. Thanks to his clinical acumen and interpersonal skills, I was always very comfortable letting him manage our postoperative patients and always trusted his judgment and assessment.

Dr. Iriarte was able to comply with all the requirements established by our training program and has developed into an excellent performing thoracic surgeon.

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In conclusion, I have absolutely no reservations in recommending him as a superior candidate for membership of the Argentine Thoracic Surgery Association. If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Daniela Molena, MD  
Associate Professor  
Director of Esophageal Surgery

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniela Molena', written in a cursive style.

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