

April 24, 2009

To Whom It May Concern,

As the Director of Programs at Mobility International USA (MIUSA), I am pleased to provide this letter of recommendation for Mr. Alex Garcia, in support of his work and future endeavors to improve the lives of people with disabilities around the world.

Based in Eugene, MIUSA is a U.S. national non-profit 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to empower people with disabilities around the world to achieve their human rights through international exchange and international development.

I had the great pleasure of working with Mr. Garcia when he was selected as a delegate from Brazil during MIUSA's International Leadership, Employment and Disability (ILEAD) Professional exchange program in Eugene, Oregon, March 15 - April 5, 2009.

The ILEAD Professional program brought together 17 influential leaders with and without disabilities from Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala and Mexico to examine critical issues facing people with disabilities in the employment sector. Mr. Garcia was selected based on his demonstrated leadership, accomplishments, expertise and commitment to the human rights of people with disabilities.

Mr. Alex Garcia is a resourceful and passionate leader, who is extremely intelligent and committed to improving the lives of people with disabilities in Latin America. Mr. Garcia has extensive life experiences, both professionally and personally, that equip him with practical knowledge and skills that will further his efforts and commitment for increasing employment opportunities for people with disabilities at the local, regional and international level.

Based on Mr. Garcia's participation and contributions to the 2009 ILEAD Professional program, and his demonstrated commitment to utilize his skills for the rights people with disabilities as President of the Gaúcha Association of the Parents and Friends of People who are Deafblind, I am pleased to provide this letter of recommendation in recognition of his outstanding work and future endeavors as an influential leader in Latin America.

Mr. Garcia is an accomplished leader, and I hold him in the highest regard.

Sincerely,

Cindy Lewis

**Director of Programs** 

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