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To the Members of the Search Committee:

I am writing a letter of strongest support for Dr. John Marko. I got to know Dr. Marko through our interest in chromosome structure and biological function; indeed, we have published a paper together.

The reality is that John is one of the brightest up-coming stars in biophysical cell biology, an example of an established polymer physicist moving into an unpopulated field and instantly making a large dent. His papers on polymer physics underpinnings of chromosome structure are classics. His recent published research on chromosome structure/function are extremely insightful and are the basis of many people re-thinking how they view this key structure. I would venture to say that he is one of the top scientists working on chromosome structure in the United States today. The research is world-class, an example of brilliant design, and results in beautifully written papers.

Another hallmark of Dr. Marko is his training of young scientists. His students and postdoctoral fellows are superb. I know because I have interviewed several for postdoctoral fellowships and it is very clear that his views and insights are imprinted on his people. I am very impressed by his training of his co-workers.

In summary, I can think of no better person than Dr. Marko. Canada is extremely fortunate to be able to get a scientist of his caliber. You should recruit him with utmost vigor!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John W. Sedat".

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