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To Whom It May Concern

My name is Albert Dumont (Algonquin, Kitigan Zibi, QC). I am presently employed with Correctional Services of Canada as a spiritual advisor for the Aboriginal men at Millhaven Institution's J Unit. I am a poet (4 books), a writer, a storyteller and the author of one children's book. The people of Ottawa-Carleton also recognize me as a First Nations elder, volunteer and activist.

I write this letter in support of Rachèle Prud'homme. Rachèle is a highly respected member of Ottawa's Aboriginal community. She goes above and beyond what is expected of her in all the community causes she gets involved with. She can be counted on to support pow wows, student councils, human rights movements and other honorable endeavors which impact the community.

I have known Rachèle for close to 20 years. She is a wise and humble woman who is already beginning to establish a following among community members who look to her as an elder and teacher. Rachèle believes in the power of prayer and ceremony. Dancers and drummers who travel the pow wow trail recognize her as a traditional woman dancer and welcome her into their circle.

I have had the honour and privilege to work with Rachèle on many occasions and was always impressed with her amazing ability to get the job done. She is proficient and dedicated. With Rachèle doing the planning, you know things will go off without a hitch. Her work is praised by elders, chiefs, doctors, professors, community activists and so on and so on. Rachèle does it right.

I endorse her and encourage any employer to bring her onto the job site. She will not disappoint.

Albert Dumont