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To Whom It May Concern:

Kiersten Williams is an excellent candidate for the 2020 Uppinaqtuq Award. I have known Ms. Williams her entire life. I got to know Ms. Williams closely when I taught her at Aqsarniit Ilinniarvik. I have kept in close contact with Ms. Williams throughout her education career. Ms. Williams graduated from Grade 12 at Inuksuk High school in June 2020. She is currently 18 years old.

Ms. Williams has always been a confident, outspoken young woman. As a Nunavut Land Claims beneficiary, Ms. Williams demonstrates leadership qualities on a regular basis in everything she does. Throughout her education career, Ms. Williams has been involved in many activities such as soccer, volleyball, choir and student council. She is an incredible athlete and has acted as Team Captain for many years throughout her schooling on both her soccer and volleyball teams. Ms. Williams represented Nunavut at two Arctic Winter Games in soccer and volleyball. Ms. Williams is a role model to Nunavut's youth. Her peers look up to her as someone who will use her voice to make positive changes around her. Ms. Williams played an active role in Student Council where she worked alongside her peers organizing events and activities for the student body.

Ms. Williams sat on the Iqaluit District Education Authority (IDEA) as the student representative. She was the only young person attending the meetings, acting as a voice on behalf of her peers.

Ms. Williams has worked with young people for many years. She has a gift for building meaningful, positive relationships with those around her. Ms. Williams is proud to be from Nunavut, and embraces her culture by spending many hours on the land with her friends and family. More recently, she has shown interest in coaching and giving back to her community. Her knowledge and poise give her the tools she needs to continue to be an active, role model amongst her peers and those younger than her.

Ms. Williams recently got accepted to the Indigenous Enriched Support Program at Carlton University where she will attend in the fall. Ms. Williams is a driven young woman who will continue to be an active voice as a proud young woman from Nunavut.

Sincerely,



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