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Ms. Carolina Zumaran-Jones, Director  
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Dear Carolina:

I am writing to recommend Representative Donna Loring for the Eleanor Roosevelt Global Leadership Institute. I think that Rep. Loring would be a superb choice for the Institute. She is a thoughtful, effective legislator and would bring a different perspective to the program. As one of two tribal representatives to the Maine Legislature, Donna has been an effective and persuasive voice for the Penobscot Nation and for native concerns generally.

The tribal representatives have an unusual and an interesting role in the Maine Legislature. Since these positions are in addition to the regular legislative districts, they are nonvoting positions. Despite this obvious constraint, Donna has made the most of her position. She has been remarkably effective in bringing important issues to the forefront of the Legislature's attention, and in pushing the scope of her authority to its utmost to insure an ongoing institutional role for native representation in the future. Her persistence and persuasiveness, all accomplished with a quiet manner, have insured that she is listened to and is accorded great respect by other legislators. Important changes in fishing rights, tribal governance, and improved relations between the governments of the State of Maine and the Passamaquoddy, Penobscot, Maliseet and Micmac governments have been achieved in large part due to Donna's efforts.

Having participated in the Eleanor Roosevelt Institute myself, I am confident that Donna will bring just the kind of thoughtful leadership to the program that will benefit all of the participants. I am sure she will also take advantage of what she learns in the program and bring back her insights to Maine to further improve the lives of all of Maine's residents.

I have the highest regard for Rep. Donna Loring, and recommend her to the program without reservation. Do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide further information.

Sincerely,

Senator Sharon Anglin Treat