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To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Charlane Gross. I have been a professional archaeologist for over 30 years, and I exceed the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for Archaeology under 36 CFR Part 61. I have been managing archaeological projects for approximately 24 years. Since 2014, my professional focus has been on projects where intensive interaction with Tribal members has been a far greater component of my work than in my previous experience; these projects have ranged from the west coast to the Midwest and southeastern United States, offering a wide range of consultation opportunities.

In the last two years, I have worked on a number of projects within the ancestral territory of the Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation (SSMN); these projects have been State and/or federally funded and in each instance, the SSMN have been the only Tribal entity appropriate for consultation. On each occasion, I have spoken with members of the Tribal government and members of the Tribal community at large, and have received information from multiple individuals which had been passed down to them through generations, but which has addressed specific issues within the properties under examination. In each instance, the information received has demonstrated cultural and geographic continuity within the SSMN. I have also been privileged to see SSMN members perform ceremonies appropriate to our work, and have been told stories about the Tribe's history all of which has reinforced my impression of cultural cohesiveness through time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charlane Gross", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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