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To Whom It May Concern:

I write this letter in support of the nomination of Jean Paetkau for the Shelley Fralic Award. Jean's journalistic and community work demonstrate a commitment to making our community a better place, and in doing so, inspire others.

I first met Jean when she interviewed me for the "Beyond Beads and Bannock" project. During, and following, the interview process, I got to know of Jean's dedication to ensuring that more Canadians understand, and can find ways to contribute to, Reconciliation through education in Canada. Jean showed herself to be an on-going learner and someone who also wants to continue to help others learn and understand. Jean demonstrated a commitment to the well-being of others in her open, authentic and warm interactions.

In her journalism and social media presence Jean shows herself to be a thoughtful, and positive influence on our community as she continues to engage in projects that focus on matters that impact people's well-being (such as the family doctor shortage, the Orange Shirt Day project, and medical assistance in dying).

I have no hesitation in recommending Jean for this award. I also look forward to future work that Jean is a part of, as I know it will be approached with integrity and her dedication to making British Columbia and Canada a better for Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address, by e-mail (jchrona@gmail.com), or by telephone (778-822-6106).

Sincerely,

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