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As the current and former Directors of the Coady International Institute, we are pleased to offer our congratulations to Mr. Bouman and his team for their commitment to honoring, supporting and showcasing First Nations art & culture from Eastern Canada.

Mr. Bouman recognizes First Nations art & culture as an asset and has worked passionately to create opportunities for Aboriginal artists to pursue their talents and find markets to sell their work. His 'Friends United' project helps to preserve and promote First Nation culture as well build bridges and understanding between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people.

Mr. Bouman has been a loyal supporter of the Coady Institute and a longtime ambassador of First Nations culture in Atlantic Canada. The Coady Institute shares a common approach with Rolf that focuses on building and highlighting the strengths and assets of individuals and communities so they may reach their full potential.

Once again, we warmly offer our support and congratulations for this important project.

Kind regards,



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