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Friends United
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This letter is to congratulate and acknowledge The Friends United Project for its outstanding contributions in working with First Nations artists to showcase their art and their talent.

I'm very grateful that Mi'kmaq have gained a friend such as Rolf Bouman who not only enables our artists to showcase their art and their talent but also to empower them with a sense of identity as aboriginal people. I believe the Friends United project creates a one of a kind example for other Canadians to view First Nations art and its people in a positive light. Our elders, leaders and educators, have for many years emphasized to our fellow Canadians the importance of having a deeper understanding of our First Nations people, our culture and our traditions. Friends United has given our artists a chance to showcase their work, while creating a business opportunity for them to become self-sustainable. I find that this method of communicating through art provides a unique means for First Nations people to share the beauty of their individual culture, traditions and values.

Dear Rolf, Raven and Rodney,

I am very appreciative to have seen first-hand your commitment and dedication not only in supporting our artists but in promoting peace, unity and friendship amongst differing cultures here in Canada and around the world. I also feel honored to enhance my office with artwork produced by the Friends United artists and I am proudly displaying it at every meeting. In this regard I would like to thank specifically the Friends United artists David Brooks, Chelsea Brooks, Fancy Peter Paul, Lorne Julian, Amanda Julian, Darren Julian and Raven Davis.

I wish you the best of luck for great success for your current work and your future endeavors and look forward to contributing in whatever way I can.

Wela'lin - Yours in peace and friendship,

Morley Googoo

AFN Regional Chief, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland