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W. Ron Allen
Chair, DOI Self-Governance Advisory Committee
C/o Tribal Self-Governance (TSG)
2312 E Admiral Blvd.
Tulsa, OK 74110

Dear Chair Allen:

The Winnebago Tribal Council (“Tribal Council”) proudly recommends Councilwoman Victoria “Tori” Kitcheyan to serve on the U.S. Department of the Interior (“DOI”) Self-Governance Advisory Committee (“SGAC”) as a Great Plains Region Representative. Councilwoman Kitcheyan brings decades of distinguished leadership, deep policy expertise, and an unwavering commitment to improving the well-being of Tribal Nations.

Councilwoman Kitcheyan was first elected to the Tribal Council in 2015 and served as Tribal Chairwoman from October 2020 through October 2025. Throughout her tenure, she demonstrated exceptional leadership in advancing Tribal priorities, strengthening government-to-government relationships, and advocating for equitable access to health care and federal resources for Indian Country.

Her national leadership experience at the federal level is extensive, having previously served as Chairwoman of the HHS Secretary’s Tribal Advisory Committee, as well as Chairwoman of the National Indian Health Board (“NIHB”), and the Medicare, Medicaid, and Health Reform Policy Committee (“MMPC”). In these roles, she worked collaboratively with Tribal leaders, federal agencies, and policymakers to address complex policy issues impacting Tribal communities. She has also contributed her expertise as a member of multiple Tribal technical advisory committees within the Great Plains Region.

Councilwoman Kitcheyan is a respected and effective advocate at the federal level. She has testified numerous times before both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate on critical issues, including health care disparities in Indian Country, Tribal land consolidation, advance appropriations for Indian programs, and Tribal infrastructure needs. Her testimony reflects a deep understanding of federal policy, Tribal sovereignty, and the real-world impacts of legislation on Tribal citizens.

She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Haskell Indian Nations University, further strengthening her ability to navigate complex governance, financial, and policy environments with professionalism and strategic insight.

Councilwoman Kitcheyan’s proven leadership, institutional knowledge, and extensive experience make her exceptionally well qualified to serve on the SGAC. I am confident she would provide thoughtful, informed, and impactful guidance to the SGAC. Therefore, the Tribal Council offers

its highest recommendation for her to serve on the SGAC. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Coly Brown', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chairman Coly Brown
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska