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RE: Tara Witcher  
Letter of Recommendation  
**Master's in Public Administration**

Puanana Nihoa, MPA Assistant Director  
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Dear Ms. Nihoa:

It is an honor to write this letter of recommendation for Tara Witcher in support of her application for The Evergreen State College's Master of Public Administration Program.

Currently, I am Part Faculty for the Northwest Indian College (NWIC) at their Port Gamble Site located on the Port Gamble S'Klallam (PGST) Reservation. I have known Ms. Purser for several years, working with her when she was a full-time student in the NWIC Native Studies Leadership (NSL) Program. At that time, I was the Advisor for the Native Studies Leadership (NSL) Program. Ms. Witcher was one of my advisees and a student in my Cultural Sovereignty (CSOV) classes.

Ms. Witcher was an integral part of the NSL program at the NWIC Port Gamble. Academically, Tara Witcher was a conscientious student who turned in her work in a timely manner and her assignments were always well researched, well prepared and well presented. I was continually amazed by her work ethic because she came to class, even immediately after the birth of her son, bringing him to class each week. She continued to efficiently and effectively handle all the demands made of her and manage everything that was expected, as a mother and a student, completing her capstone project and graduating with her BANSI on time.

Ms. Witcher will be an asset to your **Master of Public Administration Program** at The Evergreen State College. My assessment of her is high because I know she can do graduate-level work by conducting high-level quantitative and qualitative research and translating that knowledge to her academic work. Her written and verbal communication skills are beyond reproach based on my knowledge of her academic and professional abilities.

In summary, I am pleased to recommend Tara Witcher for your program. If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (360) 649-5372 or email me [calmojuela17@gmail.com](mailto:calmojuela17@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

*/s/ Colleen E. Almojuela*

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