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Dear Sponsor of the Building Brighter Futures: Bursaries, Scholarships, and Awards program:

Your support of this program and, through it, my own educational endeavours, is so very appreciated. My name is Melinda. I am a Métis woman and I am a first year Law Student at Robson Hall at the University of Manitoba.

I am a mature student with five children who has always dreamed of seeking higher education. Since a very young age, I always wanted to be either a Teacher or a Lawyer. My love of gaining education, as opposed to teaching it, and my love of the law has definitively sent me in the direction of becoming a Lawyer. My career thus far has been in the field of law, first as a Legal Assistant and then as a Paralegal. I can quite honestly say that I absolutely love what I do, and my enjoyment in my career has bolstered my decision.

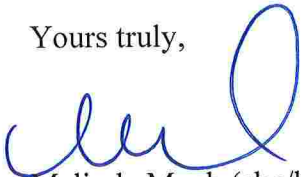
In my current state of life, with a large number of dependents, I was quite concerned that I would have to make a choice between my own post-secondary education or that of my children. Thanks to generous sponsors such as yourself, my concerns have dissipated. Thanks to you, I am able to follow my lifelong dreams and I see a bright future of sending my own children through the hallowed halls that I am blessed to walk.

My present day work as a Paralegal has me engaged in a large number of real properties matters that are commercial in nature, and I truly enjoy this work. That being said, I feel quite drawn towards working in a manner that would assist Indigenous peoples. I believe that my future career path will meld my existing experience and learned passion that can assist Indigenous peoples in land claims and asset securitization relating to same. The lack of leveraging abilities that First Nations peoples, specifically, have had in Canada's colonial structure has led to a fiscal disadvantage for First Nations peoples. The Métis, similarly, lost their lands and therefore leveraging powers during the time of Scrip and the subsequent years that followed. I know of many prominent and powerful Lawyers who are engaged in such matters, and their work today

will strengthen Indigenous peoples for generations to come. I look forward to equipping myself so that I might join in such work.

Miigwetch, Marci, Thank you so very much for the kind sponsorships that you provide. Your kindness and generosity has positively impacted my life and will impact many generations forward.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Melinda Moch', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Melinda Moch (she/her)