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Alaska House State Affairs Committee
Representative Zack Fields, Co-Chair
State Capitol Room 511
Juneau AK, 99801

Dear Co-Chair Fields,

I am writing to offer my recommendation for Kelly Tshibaka to serve in a leadership position in the state government. Upon her arrival to my office, the United States Postal Service Office of Inspector General (OIG) in late 2015, Kelly was appointed to an executive position as the first Chief Data Officer (CDO). She was responsible for a component comprised of approximately 55 employees and contractors with various skill sets including data analysts, investigators, and forensic auditors.

Early on, Kelly was challenged to merge teams from different parts of the organization under one umbrella to create the first CDO office in the OIG. This required her strong leadership and vision to ensure that her team provided expert analysis and complex research capabilities for OIG investigations and audits. Kelly oversaw the expansion of the OIG's use of data analytics and predictive data modeling tools to identify vulnerabilities and develop investigative and audit leads. In no time, this component became the leader in its discipline among federal Inspectors General—a community of 73 Federal OIG offices across government. Because of her strong leadership and great communication skills, Kelly was frequently asked to participate on panels and represent the OIG in many forums highlighting the game-changing investigative and audit results her team supported.

Kelly's dedication and commitment speaks volumes and is reflected in the successful team she built. In addition, Kelly has developed lasting relationships with key stakeholders that our organization will benefit from in the years to come. She has been a trustworthy, engaged member of our executive team, and I take great pleasure in recommending her for this new position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tammy L. Whitcomb". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tammy L. Whitcomb
Inspector General