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Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

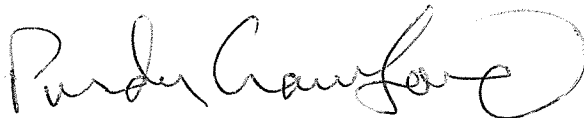
**Re: Les Dakens**

I have known Les Dakens since 2001 when he joined CN as Senior Vice President Human Resources. At that time I was the Chair of the Human Resources and Compensation Committee of the Board and Les and I worked very closely together for six years.

Les is very intelligent, has a great understanding of people, and is very dedicated.

I think he would make a good candidate for the college and has the potential to be an excellent director in the future.

Yours sincerely,



Purdy Crawford  
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