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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to affirm my support for the continued designation of the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Region, established in 2000.

I have volunteered and been a part of the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust from the very beginning. Over the years, I have contributed by:

- Participating on the Language Committee to promote Language revitalization and guided the Language gathering co-hosted by the CBT,
- Participating in the Indigenous Circle for Canadian Biosphere Reserves and travelling to two CBRA national gatherings,
- Sharing language teachings at the Canadian Commission for UNESCO Year of Indigenous Languages event in Ottawa in 2018,
- Being an elder advisor to CBT staff and being a liaison for my community,
- Leading Neighbourhood Small Grant projects in Ahousaht, and
- Participating in the CBT Culture and Events Advisory Committee for many years.

I am proud to support the continued Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere designation, and look forward to participating in the next ten years of activities in our region.

Sincerely,

*Ruth Arlene Paul*