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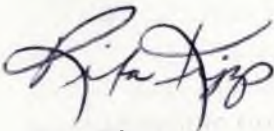
Dear Wilma,

I was your campus host and introduced you a few years back when you came to Kenyon for a lecture. I hope your visit left you with some pleasant memories of our campus. You certainly left us with many things to talk about and think about. You were a most impressive speaker. Since your visit, some other Native American notables have also come to campus, namely Russell Means last year, and this year at the Gambier Folk Festival, Kevin Locke, an amazing flutist and hoop dance performer. I don't know if you know these men. They are two personality opposites -- Means, the angry, fiery, politico; Lock, a gentle teacher, embracing of everyone. I am pleased that our students, who see very few Native Americans, have had a chance to meet or hear a diverse range of Native American leaders.

I write to ask if you might know anyone to nominate for our Provost's position. This is our chief academic officer, one of the top administrative positions. I include a copy of the ad that appeared in the Chronicle for Higher Education. If you can think of anyone who would be a good candidate, please send me his or her name and pass along this description. We are hoping to have a pool of candidates that includes as many woman and minorities as possible.

My mother, who lives in Wilburton, reports that it has been very cold there the past few weeks. I hope you are staying warm and well, and that your work and family bring you joy.

Sincerely,



Rita Kipp
Professor of Anthropology