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To Whom It May Concern:

For many years, Revolutionary War re-enactments have taken place at Putnam Memorial State Park in Redding, Connecticut. For the past 15 years, we have featured an "Education Week" each spring during which over 1000 students from various schools in the area come to experience a bit of living history. As they move through the Park, they enjoy presentations by both loyalist and patriotic re-enactors and watch a variety of 18th century artisans at work. We are fortunate to have been able to enlist eight re-enactors all of whom relate well to young people, and, needless to say, our program has been very popular.

Luisa Sherman has participated in this program for the past two years, and we hope we never lose her. During each 20 minute presentation she discusses the availability and preparation of food during the early colonial period. She uses many different types of cookware and utensils while she prepares a variety of foods over open fires. The kids are mesmerized from start to finish. Luisa is clearly a born teacher.

We have all found it a real pleasure to work with Luisa. She is gracious and friendly with the Park staff and with all of us volunteers.

Luisa will be a positive addition to any program whether it involves kids or adults.

Sincerely yours,

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