

“I am writing to express my strong support for Rebecca Lalanne’s nomination for the Excellence in Leadership award. Rebecca exemplifies leadership within the mental health community and is a steadfast advocate for the Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing/DeafBlind community, particularly those in Vermont. Her unwavering commitment, skillful guidance, and passion for fostering mental wellness and equity make her an invaluable leader.

Rebecca’s dedication to the Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing/DeafBlind community is especially noteworthy, as she continually champions accessibility and inclusion for these often-marginalized groups. She works tirelessly to ensure that individuals within these communities have access to mental health services, breaking down systemic barriers and fostering greater understanding between service providers and the communities they serve. Her advocacy highlights the intersectionality of mental health and cultural identity, making her contributions even more impactful.

Her ability to foster an inclusive and supportive environment is truly commendable. Rebecca empowers individuals—whether colleagues, clients, or community members—to advocate for mental wellness and accessibility in ways that align with their values and experiences. By cultivating trust and promoting collaboration, she has created a space where marginalized voices are heard, and impactful progress is made.

Rebecca’s leadership reflects the highest ideals of this award, and I cannot think of a more deserving individual to be recognized for such an honor.

Thank you for considering her nomination. Please don’t hesitate to reach out if further details or supporting materials are needed.”