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Cathy Russ
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Dear Ms. Russ:

Thank you for your service as a judge in the 2016 Michigan Letters about Literature entries. Your time and insights are a vital part of the program. We depend on you as a judge to understand the role of reading and writing for students, to have an understanding of young adult literature and to bring your skills to the critical review of all the semi-finalist letters.

We were delighted this year recognize Michele Ellis from Williamston Middle School as our 2016 Michigan Teacher as well. Information on all the winners and the three winning letters is in the Letters about Literature section at http://www.michigan.gov/youthlibraryservices.

I know the amount of time it takes to read all of the letters, to evaluate each of them, and to attend the review meeting. Thank you for your willingness to participate and give the students a serious, quality analysis of their work. I appreciate your time and effort!

Sincerely,

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