

## **STATEMENT**

**Loxie Lynn Loring, Ashley Loring Heavy Runner's mother**

*To whom it may concern:*

My name is Loxie Lynn Loring and I am Ashley Loring Heavy Runner's mother. This letter is regarding my interactions with Rain. I first met Rain in October 2019 at the 1<sup>st</sup> MMIW Tribunal at the Blackfeet Community College in Browning, Montana. Since this conference, Rain has been empathic and always helpful in promoting my daughter's case and getting it national attention. He has been dedicated in helping me find my daughter, and he has never once misrepresented who he is to me.

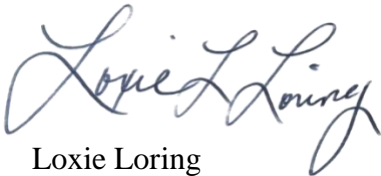
Rain has had Tim Davis (Blackfeet Council Chairman) write a letter to the head of the FBI in Washington DC about my daughter's case. The letter also went to the Attorney General, Secretary of Interior, and Chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. Rain has made Documentaries on missing and murdered indigenous people, and with these documentaries, Rain is using them to educate people of power and others to increase awareness to our problems, human trafficking, and seeking answers. He isn't making money from the films, and I know it costs him money to promote it, and get it shown. He also designed a billboard and helped to get it raised at our Blackfeet Nation to try and get information about Ashley for us.

The only time I have heard of Jacqueline Keeler was when I saw she had posted a video on Instagram labeled "Ashley's mother" that wasn't me, talking about my daughter's case. That was extremely upsetting for me to see, her posting something like that, as if she is a MMIW supporter, but she didn't even take time to get it right. What kind of journalist does that, doesn't correctly identify the mother of the victim? I don't know who she is, and I wonder what she has ever done to support MMIW families? But Rain is known and respected by people here at the Blackfeet Nation because he has always said what he will do and has always come through for us.

Rain helped me and other families to get our story out on the Dr Phil Show. It was hard to do national TV for the first time, but he supported me through it. Sarah who works with Rain also continues to be there for me when I need help, or just someone to talk to. Rain is continuing to support me in my journey to find my daughter.

I want you to know that having a child go missing is one of the hardest things anyone will ever experience. Please know that I have faith in the work that Rain and the MMIW is doing.

Sincerely



Loxie Loring

Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022.