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Recommendation Letter for Aurore Hannon – Tsadra Contemplative Scholarship

Dear Tsadra Scholarship Committee,

It is with great joy that I recommend Aurore Hannon for the Tsadra Contemplative Scholarship in support of her second three-year retreat at Gomde Pyrenees, beginning September 2026 under the guidance of Chökyi Nyima Rinpoche. Having previously recommended Aurore for her first retreat, I am deeply honored to endorse her application once again. Her unwavering dedication to deepening her practice over another three years is both inspiring and moving.

I had the privilege of observing Aurore's qualities firsthand while in retreat with her. She possesses a rare combination of intellectual sharpness, heartfelt devotion, and practical skill. Her keen mind and strong memory allow her to grasp teachings quickly, while her kindness and generosity create a harmonious environment for those around her. Aurore excels in ritual practice, serving skillfully as a chöpon and crafting beautiful tormas. Her devotion to Chökyi Nyima Rinpoche and the Dharma is sincere, and she approaches her practice with humility and authenticity. Beyond her spiritual practice, Aurore's artistic talents shine—whether in preparing exquisite offerings for Rinpoche or in her contemplative paintings during free time.

Over the past three years, Aurore has demonstrated remarkable growth, particularly in how she navigates challenges. Witnessing her transformation has been profoundly beautiful: she has become more open, flexible, and gentle, cultivating greater self-awareness and confidence. Her ability to learn from difficulties and refine her practice with patience and introspection is a testament to her maturity as a practitioner. Equally notable is her growing attentiveness to others, reflecting a deepening mindfulness and compassion.

It is my heartfelt aspiration that Aurore be granted the opportunity to continue her journey under Chökyi Nyima Rinpoche's guidance. The Tsadra Foundation's support would not only nurture her path but also honor the profound commitment she brings to the retreat community. I wholeheartedly endorse her application and am confident she will make the most of this sacred opportunity. Thank you for your generosity in offering these scholarships, which make such transformative practice accessible to dedicated students worldwide. Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information.

With sincere gratitude,

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Translator for Chökyi Nyima Rinpoche.