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Swanson for Attorney General
St. Paul, MN

Dear Liz:

What a delightful idea to have staff references for Lori! I look forward to reading some of the responses. The camaraderie of the office is something I miss, and I know it will be a pleasure to read some of the entries.

Lori is one of the hardest working people I have met. She is extraordinarily diligent and remembers who to thank for a job well done. Lori is a quick study. She rewards those who work hard and play by the rules. She is impatient with those who shirk their duties or engage in a "kiss up, kick down" demeanor. Lori remembers her roots. She was not a member of a privileged class. She believes the office should help level the playing field and give citizens some redress when a corporation violates the law.

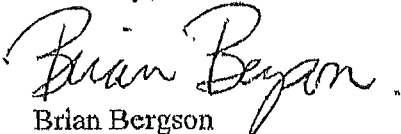
I remember on one occasion when the receptionist told Lori that she had two telephone calls. "On line one is a political reporter. On line two is a family who is in foreclosure," the receptionist told her.

Lori looked at me and smiled. "Let's see," she said. "One caller is desperately looking for a home. The other is desperately looking for gossip. Easy choice." She then picked up the phone and said, "Ma'am, tell me what I can do for you."

I went into the other office, picked up the phone, and told the reporter that Lori was on an important conference call. I was never so proud of an elected official.

Please give Lori my regards!

Sincerely,


Brian Bergson