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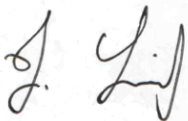
Dear Carol (and Review Committee Members),

This letter is to inform you and the Award Committee Members of my intention to nominate Dr. John Townshend, Dean, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences at the University of Maryland for the 2011 "Martha Maiden Lifetime Achievement Award for Service to the Earth Science Information Community" award.

In the spirit of the Martha Maiden Award criteria it is clear to me and many Earth Science community members that John is an exemplary scholar, revered scientist and educator who has spent his entire professional career working to improve our overall understanding of complex Earth processes and changes to our environment through the use of remote sensing data and information. John's contribution back to the science community is without question given his vast number of science publications, courses taught, seminars, professional meetings, science advisory bodies, and other Earth national and international science venues where John has helped guide the progress made in this critical area of science exploration. Specifically, John has helped move the use of Earth science data and information from a difficult and daunting endeavor to today's more common practices of environmental data access and the increasing accessibility to scientific understanding of these data to scientists and the engaged public.

It is without reservation that I put John's name forward to you and the committee for consideration for the 2011 award. Please do not hesitate to contact me for clarification and/or additional insights into John's applicability for this award.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. Lindsay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "F" and "L".

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