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To Class Counsel

I am proud to support the McLean Class plaintiffs and settlement they achieved for Indian Day School survivors across Canada.

Over the past two years, I have spoken many times with the lead plaintiffs and their Class Counsel. They have taken my calls on nights and weekends. They visited my community and spent time sitting with and listening to survivors and community members.

The Plaintiffs and Class Counsel have been visiting communities across the country. I know how important these community meetings are: they allow people to ask questions and get information they need. It is also clear that survivors' voices have been heard. People spoke about not wanting another IAP. They want a simple process, a non-traumatic process, a process that would not drag on for years. They proposed settlement does all of this, while treating survivors with the respect they deserve.

The survivors in my community, and communities across Canada, have waited many years for justice. They are getting older, and the window for many to get the acknowledgement they so deserve is closing.

Having spoken with members of my community, many of whom are Day School survivors, I want to see the settlement move forward. This is important, so our communities can begin to heal.

Sincerely,

Chief Calvin Straightnose