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Member of Parliament
House of Commons
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Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear _____:

I am writing to make inquiry and express concern about the lengthy delays and bureaucratic red-tape to resolving the flawed and inequitable funding formula for First Nations child and family services.

As noted in the *Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts*, continuing to use a flawed funding formula means that First Nations child and family services agencies are usually underfunded. Their families and children fail to receive the services they need. Instead, First Nations children end up in care for length periods of time, and their families do not receive the support to help them provide an environment of security for their children.

It is hoped that Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) will take serious action to enable First Nations children access to appropriate and adequate services that is equitable and comparable to all Canadian children.

The lack of focus and support from the Canadian government only perpetuates this intolerable situation. Current efforts in finding a long term sustainable funding approach, for children, families, communities and Nations are no longer working. First Nations people continue to suffer and I urge you to take immediate action to address this situation now.

Yours truly,

Signature & Name

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