

Letter in support of Burnt Church

From: Monique Beaudoin

Importance: high

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Dear Mr. Chretien :

I have been following with alarm and concern, the news of the Canadian government's increasing use of militaristic force against the people of Burnt Church. My understanding of the situation is that by law, the Canadian government MUST negotiate in good faith with the First Nations people, and that Enforcement activity is contrary to Canadian law and constitution in this situation.

Legal experts have informed published reports that DFO and RCMP attacks On Burnt Church are criminal and unconscionable.

Please respond to my request as your constituent, for your intervention without delay, and demand on my behalf that the government officials not hold themselves above the law, avoid potential injuries and deaths, and stop embarrassing the people of Canada with regard to acknowledging First Nations Treaty rights and Human Rights to the use of our vast national resources.

As the world watches and reports on this situation, it has become more Than apparent that DFO is covering up a \$500 million lobster fishing industry dominated by multinational corporations. It is also apparent that both non-native and First Nations fishers are being played as pawns with their lives and livelihoods offered up to protect large national and foreign business interests.

Thank you for your expeditious response to my request. I further request that you provide me with copies of any correspondence that you undertake with regard to this situation.

Sincerely yours,

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