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Fasting for Justice

Greetings to All
I am appealing to You all and Your networks to send messages of support to Terry St. Jacques, a mother of two Young Children of Tobique Reserve. She is on a hunger strike and occupying the Tobique band office to bring attention and change to the deliberate undermining of the community's referendum vote on the fisheries.

Last Fall, the Community of Tobique voted overwhelmingly to support a community-based fishery, taking the lead from Esgenoopetitj Community, and not support the signing of Canada's federal governmebt fisheries agreement. Recently, Community members discovered that the Chief of Tobique and two counselors rejected the community's referendum results and signed the DFO fisheries agreement in spite. That is the basis of Terry's fasting. She has been in contact with Miigam'agan, who felt that Terry is not getting the support needed to bring about her aims. While community members state that Terry is doing the "right thing" no other show/demonstration of support is yet offered.

We are asking all of You to fax Your message of support to Terry, at the Tobique band office---506 273-3035. Perhaps sending flowers to her might also lift her spirit. Letters to the newspapers, writing commentaries or articles, and bringing light of this situation to others will help.
I pray that the community will be uplifted with such outside support, as such support did for Esgenoopetitj during our past fishery season. Please respond to this effort.