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The Honourable Carolyn Bennett

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The Honourable Carolyn Bennett,

We are writing on behalf of The Stop Community Food Center to urge you to take action to address the harms imposed on Indigenous peoples by insisting that all levels of government provide adequate resources and attention to address the Truth and Reconciliation Commissions 94 Calls to Action.

As a settler organization, we know that we must stand in solidarity with Indigenous peoples. We are taking guidance from Indigenous voices many of who are asking us to use our individual and collective voices to call on all levels of government to honor the 94 Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

We wish to echo what Indigenous peoples and activists have been demanding for decades. The ongoing trauma, murder, colonization, displacement, and harms to Indigenous communities caused by the actions and inactions of all levels of government is inexcusable and must be addressed immediately.

At The Stop, we know that more than one in three Indigenous individuals in urban areas live in food-insecure households, including many of our own community members. The harms are entrenched in various levels of society, from poverty to health care to physical and cultural dislocation. The treatment of Indigenous peoples is deeply traumatic and ongoing.

As an organization, we expect that you will take action to push forward significant reconciliation measures and ensure Indigenous peoples are treated equitably in our community and beyond.

On behalf of The Stop's Board of Directors and Senior Management,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Leigh Godbold".

Leigh Godbold

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