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Premier Horgan,

You are to be congratulated on your significant achievements since you have entered office. In particular your firm stance on upholding the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

I am writing concerning a great injustice that is occurring within our Province that requires your immediate attention.

Although Section 46 of the BC Adoption Act allows for the declaration and registration of custom adoption, Indigenous children within the Province of BC are being denied their rights to have their Custom adoptions recognized. This is in stark contrast to the registrations in other areas in Canada. These adoptions are a long standing custom within our people and the laws of Canada state that these custom adoptions are to be protected and upheld.

Many have come to you concerning the particular case of Métis child SS. She has been adopted by custom. Yet your government is fighting in court to deny that adoption being recognized. This is not in line with your platform as a government.

When you were in opposition, many of your members stood up against the actions of the MCFD. Now that you are in power, we ask that you would direct your staff to uphold the Constitution of Canada and the Adoption Act Section 46 and stop spending millions of tax dollars fighting the recognition of a legal adoption.

This custom adoption is legal whether or not it is recognized or registered in court so the litigation is a waste of time and resources by a government who claims to honour Indigenous Rights.

Your leadership is needed. The cultural genocide must stop. A child's life depends on it. Please act quickly and decisively to bring an end to the litigation, save public funds, and most importantly bring SS home.

Sincerely,