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Dear Mr. Vickery

Re: Long-Term Reform of the FNCFS Program

I write in reply to your letter of January 24, 2025, seeking clarity as to statements you viewed as ambiguous made in the context of a communication received by Justice Canada from Scott Smith, Counsel for the National Children's Chiefs Commission.

I confirm that I will remain counsel of record for the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) with respect to the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal proceedings at issue, specifically in relation to Court File No. T- 1340/7008. I can also confirm that Mr. Wuttke and Ms. Kassis have withdrawn from this file and that correspondence to that effect was provided to the Tribunal yesterday. In addition, I can advise that Mr. Smith does not act for the AFN, nor is he replacing AFN counsel in the context of the CHRT proceedings.

With respect to any further negotiations related to long-term reform of the FNCFS Program, I can advise that we are currently waiting for instructions from our client.

Yours very truly,

Adam Williamson
Senior In-House Counsel

cc Scott Smith, Counsel for the National Children's Chiefs Commission