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Dear Deputy Minister Wilson,

On behalf of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), I would like to begin by acknowledging and thanking you for your ongoing support of our shared work over the past several years. Together, we have made great strides in addressing program and policy shortcomings and we look forward to continuing this good work moving forward.

As you are aware, AFN Resolution #60/2024 has established a National Children's Chiefs Commission (NCCC) with representation appointed by every region that is intended to work openly and transparently to provide strategic direction and oversight of the LTR Agreement negotiations.

On January 21, 2025, the AFN Executive Committee passed a motion directing the AFN to secure funding to support the NCCC. Previously, the AFN had received funding under the Consultation Protocol. This funding provided a mechanism to support mutual understanding, transparency, and meaningful communication on the Long-Term Reform (LTR) of Child and Family Services. AFN Resolutions 60 and 61 call for the NCCC to lead negotiations on LTR. Following the direction of the First Nations-in-Assembly, the AFN is seeking amendments to the Consultation Protocol to support the work of the NCCC.

Additionally, the AFN continues to receive funding through Contribution Agreements with Indigenous Services Canada, which helps to fund the work of committees such as the National Advisory Committee. We would like to seek confirmation that our current funding expands beyond the NAC and can be used to support committees such as the NCCC.

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I am happy to meet and discuss funding options within Indigenous Services Canada that could be secured to support the work of the NCCC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Bisson'.

Andrew Bisson  
Chief Executive Officer  
Assembly Of First Nations

