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Dear AFN Executive Committee Members:

RE: Follow up to February 6, 2025 NCCC/AFN Executive Committee meeting

I write in my capacity as chair of the National Children's Chiefs Commission to express my appreciation for the opportunity to meet with you in Vancouver on February 6, 2025. The Commission is anxious to move forward collaboratively toward our shared goals of supporting the holistic well-being of First Nations children, families and communities.

During the February 6 meeting, we were pleased to hear support within the AFN Executive Committee and Secretariat for the Commission's mandate to engage in renewed negotiations toward long-term reform of the First Nations Child & Family Services program and Jordan's principle. We were also gratified to hear from the AFN Secretariat that funding and administrative support for the Commission's work is available.

During the meeting, we also discussed the need to: (1) clarify roles and responsibilities within our work together; (2) establish how the AFN will resource the Commission, and (3) schedule regular joint meetings. The Commission proposed to: (1) develop an initial draft of a collaborative protocol between the AFN Executive Committee and the Commission; (2) build a work plan and budget for the Commission's work; and (3) meet again within two weeks.

We are working diligently on the first two items and propose to hold a joint meeting in Ottawa during the week of February 24, 2025. Please advise us as soon as possible of your availability during that week.

Respectfully,

The National Children's Chiefs Commission, per

Chief Pauline Frost, Chair

c: National Children's Chiefs Commission
AFN CEO