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The Honourable Michael Parsa, M.P.P.  
Minister of Children, Community and Social Services  
Government of Ontario

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Dear Minister:

As I assume the role of federal Minister of Indigenous Services, I look forward to building on the strong partnership that our ministries have built that has resulted in significant improvements to the delivery of Child and Family Services to First Nations children and families in Ontario. In particular, I note the three coordination agreements reached with Indigenous governing bodies under *An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families*. This spirit of collaboration will guide us in our future efforts.

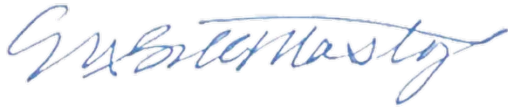
As you are likely aware, in 2016, the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal found that Canada was discriminatorily underfunding the First Nations Child and Family Services Program and implementing Jordan's Principle too narrowly. The Tribunal ordered Canada to reform the First Nations Child and Family Services Program and the Ontario 1965 Agreement, and further, to implement the full meaning and scope of Jordan's Principle.

I understand that in December 2020, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, wrote to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, former Prime Minister, requesting tripartite conversations on First Nation child welfare and social assistance, including federal funding to support this work. We hope this commitment still stands today.

Having concluded, with COO and NAN, an Ontario specific agreement on the long-term reform of the First Nations Child and Family Services Program, it's important to turn out attention to reforming the 1965 Agreement,

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Yours sincerely,

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The Honourable Mandy Gull-Masty, P.C., M.P.

c.c.: Regional Chief Abram Benedict  
Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler