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To: Sol Mamakwa
Member of Parliament for Kiiwetinoong

Re: Attendance at Ojibway Nation of Saugeen Main Gate on Tuesday August 3, 2021

Dear Mr. Mamakwa,

This letter has been written to address your unapproved attendance at the Security Gate for Ojibway Nation of Saugeen, yesterday. You were turned away because you are a non-resident who had not submitted a Visitor Request Form, and you had not been approved for entry onto our reserve. Please note that as part of our Nation's pandemic planning and management, all non-residents that wish to visit Ojibway Nation of Saugeen's reserve lands must complete and submit a Visitor Request Form, at this time.

Details on our Pandemic Planning, our current Protocols, and the Visitor Request Form, are all available on our ONS website at: <https://ojibwaynationofsaugeen.ca/> . We see that you have your own Facebook page, so you are familiar with Facebook. Current information on our Nation is also available on our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/ojibwaynationofsaugeen/>

We do not know who invited you specifically, but our members are aware of our current Pandemic Protocols, and it would have been respectful to make sure you were also aware. We hope that you were not set up by those individuals inviting you to ONS reserve, to be denied entrance, as a political stunt.

Ojibway Nation of Saugeen is governed by our Customary Chief, Edward Machimity, Headman John Sapay Sr. and Eileen Keesic. They have worked with all levels of governments to make sure our on-reserve residents are protected during this pandemic. Limiting harm to our vulnerable population, including our children, is front and center of our planning. We also see online that you are a politician, who was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario in the 2018 provincial election. We further see that you represent the riding of Kiiwetinoong as a member of the Ontario New Democratic Party, and that you are a member of the Kingfisher First Nation.

With your background, you will be well aware that from time to time, some community members can take steps to destabilize a government, including a First Nation government. Unfortunately, we have been dealing with a small group of members who have illegitimately appointed themselves as Chief and Headmen. This matter is working its way through the federal court



system; OJIBWAY NATION OF SAUGEEN v. HILDA DEROSE ET AL., Court File No. T-221-19.

We understand that the respondents to this litigation have reached out to you. We respectfully ask that you respect the court process, and not add further to any destabilization of our community. It appears that the respondents are attempting to use your acknowledgement of their group as the alleged Chief and Headmen as proof that they are legitimate. We believe it is wholly inappropriate for an elected member of Ontario's legislature to interfere with the stability of a First Nation, and ask that you immediately stop. We understand that you are bound to conduct yourself under the terms of the *Members' Integrity Act, 1994*, which includes the following:

Influence

4 A member of the Assembly shall not use his or her office to seek to influence a decision made or to be made by another person so as to further the member's private interest or improperly to further another person's private interest.

If the respondents' case has legal merit, they will be able to prove it in a court of law. Unilaterally asserting something to be true does not make it true. All levels of government, our bank, our partners, funders, and our suppliers continue to recognize Chief Edward Machimity, Headmen John Sapay Sr. and Eileen Keesic as the government of Ojibway Nation of Saugeen. We ask that you respect our government as well.

Meegwetch,

Violet Machimity, Band Manager ONS

cc. *Edward Machimity, Customary Chief*
Eileen Keesic, Headman
John Sapay Sr., Headman
Fran Machimity, Assistant Band Manager
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