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**RE: Mercury Contamination in Grassy Narrows**

Dear Prime Minister,

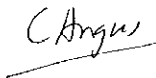
I wrote you over a month ago on Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 2017 requesting a clear commitment from your government to clean up the English-Wabigoon water system at Grassy Narrows for mercury contamination that has reportedly impacted up to 90% of the population. While your office responded it will get involved to fix the situation "once and for all" there is still no clear commitment from the federal government to do its part in cleaning up the region and specifically the English-Wabigoon River watershed. With the province finally making this commitment, I am writing to request that you commit to matching their actions.

If a Nation-to-Nation relationship is to have any meaning, the federal government must avoid jurisdictional arguments, and respond immediately to Grassy Narrows with leadership, commitment and action. That must include a Mercury Disability Board revision that ensures all mercury survivors are recognized and adequately compensated to meet their needs. However, the federal response must not be restricted to just a review of the Mercury Disability Board. Your government cannot possibly claim it is fixing the situation "once and for all" without committing to doing its part to clean up this environmental catastrophe as well.

It goes without saying that any non-Indigenous community would receive the full support of both levels of government were such an environmental catastrophe to occur. The people of Grassy Narrows deserve no less. It is time for concrete action. I am writing to ask you to ensure that your government steps up to the plate and back its words with a

clear commitment to cleaning up the English-Wabigoon River as well as providing fair compensation and quality health care to mercury survivors.

I look forward to your response,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C Angus". The signature is written in black ink and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

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