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Six Nations Elected Council Continues Strong and Principled Advocacy

In light of the continued colonial approach by both levels of government in its relationship with Indigenous peoples, the Six Nations Elected Council remains steadfast through strong and principle advocacy to advance our collective rights and interests. We would also like to reiterate our position to the failed recognition and implementation of Indigenous rights as well as the two pieces of legislation currently in the Senates. These are Bill C-91 – An Act respecting Indigenous Languages as well as Bill C-92 – An Act respecting First Nation, Inuit and Metis Children, Youth and Families.

The Six Nations Elected Council totally rejects the efforts of the federal government to legislate our lives, our children and our languages. This approach is unacceptable, disrespectful and ignores the principal's reconciliation and more importantly the Nation to Nation relationship. It is oblivious that the underlying intent of the federal Indigenous agenda is to expedite plans and create a legislation path, all without our participation or consent. This does not bring Honour to the Crown.

In addition to this, the federal government has recently initiated Carbon pricing, which essentially is a tax on all fossil fuel products. This includes hydro, gas and natural gas products sold within our community. In order to move forward, we have initiated a process with likeminded First Nations to begin negotiation with the federal government to ensure the continued tax exemption of all fossil fuel products and energy sold within our community. While the Six Nation Elected Council continues to support all efforts to reverse the impacts of climate change and environment protections, this negotiate is targeted at maintaining our tax immunity within our community. A full analysis is attached.

The Six Nations Elected Council is also deeply concerned with the provincial governments approach to Indigenous affairs expressed through their recent 2019 Budget. A 49% cut in Indigenous services will greatly impact the current level of service delivery within our territory. Despite these cuts the Council would like to assure the community we continue to find solutions for the people of Six Nations and our efforts remain focused on ensuring we maintained the same level of services for the benefit of all.

In the coming months, we will continue to pressure the federal and provincial governments on an appropriate relationship that is based on our priorities and ensure the people of Six Nations succeed. We cannot do this alone. We will be seeking your input and on important nation matters such as citizenship, our election system and our communities' priorities. This will present an opportunity for us to chart the course of history for our present and future generations. It is incumbent on all of us to truly make Six Nations ours.

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