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Chief George Ginnish,

As Minister of Seniors, I am writing to acknowledge the need for discussions with First Nations communities regarding long-term care services.

On Thursday, March 26, the Province will be putting forth a new long-term care plan, *Stronger Care for Seniors: A Long-Term Care Plan for New Brunswick*. In this plan, the province commits to working together with communities. It is my honour to begin discussions with you, on a government-to-government basis, on the needs of elders and their care within and outside of your community.

Stronger Care for Seniors is founded on the principle that all seniors deserve to age with dignity, independence, and a high quality of life. This plan acknowledges that factors such as culture, language, geography, income, safety, support networks, and housing stability influence how seniors interact with services. The plan sets out a clear vision for the future of long-term care in New Brunswick: a system that is integrated, person-centred and equitable; one that supports seniors in their homes, communities, and care facilities, while understanding the vital role of kin and community. The plan recognizes the importance of a holistic, responsive approach to aging that supports physical, social, emotional, cultural, and community aspects of well-being.

One of the key action items in *Stronger Care for Seniors* is for long-term care services to be planned in partnership with First Nations communities. I would like to take this opportunity to communicate our interest in initiating discussions on the development of proposals for tripartite agreements. Our intention is to be responsive to the needs of Indigenous elders, families and caregivers within and outside of communities for the provision of culturally appropriate and financially accessible long-term care services and engage the Government of Canada where appropriate.

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It is my pleasure to be releasing a long-term plan to guide New Brunswick over the coming years, and I look forward to the opportunity to meet with you to learn more about your community's needs and concerns, and how we can work together to strengthen, integrate, and transform the long-term care system.

Both Minister Chiasson and I agree that starting these conversations is long overdue. We look forward to meeting with you soon.

All my relations,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'L' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

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Minister of Seniors and Responsible for Women and Gender Equity

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