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Dear Minister Valcourt

As Grand Chief of Eastern Woodland Metis Nation Nova Scotia I am writing you in your capacity as Minister of Aboriginal Affairs Canada for all Metis in Atlantic Canada.

In February of 1973 at Yarmouth Nova Scotia, a group of the forgotten Mi'kmaq/Aboriginals organized for change to form the Non-Status and Metis Association of Nova Scotia, known today as the Native Council of Nova Scotia.

When the change was made to move the Native Council Of Nova Scotia to Truro the Metis of South Western Nova Scotia were left out.

The Eastern Woodland Metis Nation Nova Scotia advocates for change for all off reserve and Metis peoples who have been victims of federal policies and acts. Since its inception in 1995, the Eastern Woodland Metis Nation N.S. believes there has always existed, and will continue to exist a traditional authority for Metis/Aboriginal People :

The authority is that of the Grand Council Eastern Woodland Metis Nation. Accordingly, all of the efforts and advocacy by EWMNNS have been and continues to be work towards providing a better future for the "forgotten" peoples and to promote the equal social dignity of every Metis/Aboriginal as the first "true" Canadians of this land, under the Grand Council and principals of Metis/Aboriginal equality.

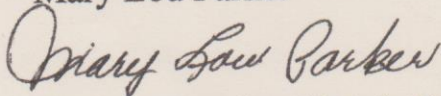
Over the years, the people working for and with the Eastern Woodland Metis Nation Nova Scotia have helped to establish and administer programs and services designed to improve the social, education, economic and representative situation of

Metis/Aboriginal as advocated by the by-laws and Constitution Of Eastern Woodland  
Metis Nation Nova Scotia

Conditions are slowly changing. Further required change cannot be accomplished by the Metis/Aboriginal communities, or by the EWMNNS alone. As a policy, the Council advocates working together with all citizens, organizations and Government and their agencies, to better understand the issues, and to jointly plan and implement actions which will redress the situation of the Metis/Aboriginals of Nova Scotia.

Governments and their agencies have recognized the special circumstances of the Metis/Aboriginal Peoples of Nova Scotia ; and are now beginning to support to a limited degree, the work of the Council to assist to meet the needs of the Metis Peoples so that we may have a place in this Country. The Metis/Aboriginal people advocated by Eastern Woodland Metis Nation Nova Scotia seek to secure their rightful identity within Canadian Society. Slowly, but surely, We will succeed in our Quest because "we too have a dream"

Respecttfully  
Grand Chief  
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