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Honourable Justin Trudeau, Julie Payette, François-Philippe Champagne, Carolyn Bennett, Marc Miller, Doug Ford, Greg Rickford

We write to you today as the Canadian Association of Nurses for the Environment (CANE), a nursing organization advocating for the necessity of a healthy environment and of an intersectional lens so as to work towards a healthier society.

CANE joins many other individuals and organizations in demanding a just and peaceful resolution to the Haudenosaunee land defenders occupying a portion of the Haldimand tract since July 19th 2020.

Quoting the [letter by the Wilfrid Laurier University Faculty Association of September 2020](#), we acknowledge that there is a long history to this area, and highlight the key points:

The Haldimand Tract is sovereign territory of the Haudenosaunee.

The Haldimand Tract that was granted to Six Nations in 1784 has been reduced to 5% of its original size with unjust legal means, including additional land surrenders in a difficult economic context that was in large part due the loss of initial funds from land leases and sales through mismanagement, misappropriation and embezzlement by British and Canadian government officials.



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Canada's rejection of its nation-to-nation relationship with Six Nations by closing the Confederacy Council in 1924. The nation-to-nation relationship outlined in the treaties from the Two Row, Covenant Chain and Pledge of the Crown Wampum were to assure their sovereignty

There is a long-standing record of these injustices and grievances being raised by Six Nations members since the 1790s to today.

Disputed lands in this area have been continually expropriated.

Our requests are:

Police to stand down, that OPP violence during the raids of August 5th and October 9th be denounced, and that land defenders not be arrested nor criminalized for their affirmation of sovereignty;

That you meet with the 1492 Land Defenders and all concerned parties and not just the elected council;

That Haudenosaunee sovereignty and self-determination within the Dish-with-One-Spoon region be recognized by Canada and Ontario;

That there be a moratorium on sale and development for all Haudenosaunee and indigenous lands with claims;

That the long history of these lands be justly acknowledged during an honest nation-to-nation discussion with Haudenosaunee, as well as Canada's commitment to upholding the United Nations Declaration of Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Royal Commission on Aboriginal recommendations, the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action, and the Inquiry on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Calls to Action.

Thank you for your serious attention to this matter,

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