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To Mr. Bijaya Pokharel,

Thank you for contacting the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and for your continued support of this important work. We were extremely grateful for your letter of appreciation, and appreciate your willingness to move reconciliation forward.

As the Commission's work begins to wrap up, we must begin to take action that moves reconciliation forward in this country. We cannot allow momentum to slow or come to a halt. The work on reconciling the relationships between indigenous and non-indigenous people living in Canada has to start now and be carried on for generations to come.

We appreciate your offer to help in this important task. As you are certainly aware, we released a substantial list of 94 recommendations to help guide the reconciliation process in Canada.

We believe that you can be a great ambassador in moving reconciliation forward. In particular, we would be grateful if you could be a champion for reconciliation. Given your incredible work with the Neighbourhood Empowerment and Resource Centre, we hope that you will consider working with your colleagues to play a role in reconciliation and champion the following calls to action:



#93. We call upon the federal government, in collaboration with the national Aboriginal organizations, to revise the information kit for newcomers to Canada and its citizenship test to reflect a more inclusive history of the diverse Aboriginal peoples of Canada, including information about the Treaties and the history of residential schools.

Again, we cannot stress enough how much we appreciate your support for the TRC and your commitment to reconciliation in Canada.

Sincerely yours,

The Honourable Mr. Justice Murray Sinclair
Chair, Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada

Commissioner Chief Wilton Littlechild

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