

CONFEDERACY OF TREATY SIX FIRST NATIONS



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To: Her Honour, the Honourable Lois Mitchell, CM, AOE, LLD

Your Honour,

This letter is to serve notice that the Chiefs of Treaty No. 6 do not support Bill 1 titled: *The Critical Infrastructure Defence Act* and as such, request that you refuse to sign the aforementioned legislation and withhold Royal Assent until more consultation is done with Albertans and Indigenous peoples.

Bill 1 is immensely vague and unconstitutional. This Bill also serves as a waste of government resources and time as it affects all Canadians' rights. It aims to criminalize and penalize for free speech and right to protest.

Please consider this request as the Treaty No. 6 Chiefs believe this to be a direct assault on our fundamental human rights as Indigenous Peoples in defending our traditional territories. Our Inherent Rights to this land have been ignored far too long.

Should you have further questions regarding this matter, please contact the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations by phone at (780) 944-0334 or email at treatysix.org.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'W. Morin', is written over a faint background image of a person in traditional Indigenous dress.

Grand Chief William (Billy) Morin
Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations