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The decision to have the Attorney General file for a judicial review and a stay on the decision of the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (CHRT) in the matter involving Indigenous children has been met with disbelief, anger and contempt by many First Nation leaders across Canada.

Chief Kurt Burnstick of the Alexander First Nation, a strong voice for his peoples stated “I believe this is not merely a slap in the face of our First Nation children who were affected by a discriminatory system but an outright insult to these children who have suffered. This government is stopping what I feel is a great win for First Nation children with the Tribunal decision, by way of calling for a judicial review.”

Chief Burnstick and the Alexander First Nation have taken positive steps to addressing the issue of the child welfare system through exercising their authority by enacting “Kokums Law”.

Clearly the Liberal leader, as well as the Conservative leader since Sheer has also stated if elected he will have a judicial review done, are more concerned about getting non-Indigenous votes than continuing with the work that has already been achieved over the last term. According to Chief Burnstick, “Actions speak louder than words when it comes to First Nation issues and reconciliation, and in my opinion this government is failing our peoples”.

The CHRT found First Nations children in care were racially discriminated against and ordered Canada to pay for not acting in a responsible manner by correcting a broken system and funding inequalities. The government continues to obstruct justice for First Nation peoples, especially the children. “It is not about money, it is about justice and being treated equally as human beings; we will continue to fight for justice”

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Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations is an advocacy organization mandated to protect the Human and Treaty Rights of First Nations in the Treaty No. 6 Territory.

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