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Mr. Jason Arbour
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Dear Mr. Arbour,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me on March 24, 2014. I found it very helpful to hear your perspective on the Indigenous history of the Ottawa-Hull area and about your ongoing efforts to achieve recognition of your community's historical occupation of the Chaudiere Falls area.

I understand you have accumulated a number of legal documents and I thank you for sharing an extensive reference list of those documents. You have clearly done extensive research on your claim and I appreciate being kept apprised of current and ongoing developments in your pursuit of legal recognition.

I also understand that you are in communication with both Chief Gilbert Whiteduck of Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg and Mr. Robert Potts, the Principal Negotiator, Land Claim / Treaty Process, Algonquin People of Ontario. Given the possible impacts of your assertions on the ongoing land claims process with the Algonquins of Ontario, I would also encourage you to convey your concerns and provide your research to the Aboriginal Affairs Ministers and negotiating teams for both Canada and Ontario.

You can reach the Hon. Bernard Valcourt, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development for Canada via email at Bernard.Valcourt@parl.gc.ca and the federal negotiating team via revendication-algonquins-ontario-claim@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca.

You can provide your comments to the provincial Aboriginal Affairs Minister, the Hon. David Zimmer, via the contact information below.

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Thank you for taking the time to update me on this important matter.

Sincerely,



Hon. Carolyn Bennett, M.D., M.P.

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