Date: May 9, 2023



From: Your Name

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To: Jennifer Rice

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Dear Ms. Rice,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I am a concerned student from Charles Hays Secondary in Prince Rupert, British Columbia. I am writing to ask you, in your role as Member of the Legislature (MLA) for the North Coast region, to ensure that the provincial government immediately addresses the issue of Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women, Girls and 2 spirited people (MMIWG2S) in our region, and all across Canada..

Over the last couple of weeks our classes have been learning about MMIWG2S and we have learned some very disturbing things. For example, did you know (share important facts about MMIWG2S) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? Also, were you aware \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? These are just a few shocking facts I have learned about this issue.

Finding out that this is happening , and has been happening for decades, makes me feel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at how long this has been going on because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I am also \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ why very little is being done about this situation because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Our school put on a red dress day walk, and as part of that event, we put together statements about why we were walking. We were walking because everyone deserves \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. We were walking to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. We were also walking for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Unfortunately, walking is not enough and that is why we are turning to you for your help. I am sure you agree that the fact that this is still happening is not acceptable. I am also sure that you agree that everyone deserve to have justice. For years it seems like government has been ignoring this issue, or just giving it lip service, and it is unacceptable that this situation continues to this day. Isn’t it time for our highways to be safe, and for our communities to be safe, for everyone?

Ms. Rice, as I said earlier, I am writing you this letter to ask that you lead the charge for meaningful change to stop the continuing murders, disappearances, and violence, in relation to MMIWG2S. There are several things that government could do to help such as:

* Providing safe, reliable, and affordable transportation
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The time for action is now. Thousands have already gone missing or been murdered and we need your help now to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Additionally, we would like to invite you to speak to our class at Charles Hays Secondary. Our teachers are planning to invite you but you can also arrange to come in by contacting one of them. Their contact information is as follows:

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Thank you for your time and consideration in reading this letter. Please share our concerns with the rest of the legislature. I would also appreciate hearing from you and finding out what you are planning to do to put a stop to this once and for all. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

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Your Name