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Dear Ms. Lanteigne:

On behalf of the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence. I regret the delay in replying.

Thank you for taking the time to write to the Prime Minister and for sharing your views on this important subject. Please be assured that your comments have been carefully reviewed. I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your correspondence to the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs, for her information and consideration.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to write.

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>>> Subject : Ignoring Treaty Rights is an illegal oil subsidy. >>>>

Dear. Hon. Prime Minister, Grand Chief Bellegarde et al. Manuel Arthur passed away recently. In 2006 he created an Indigenous brief to WTO: How the denial of Aboriginal title serves as an illegal export subsidy.

From what I've witnessed at the National Energy Board at the Enbridge Line 9 and 10 pipelines hearings and at the Supreme court regarding Clyde River, I can state with confidence that the denial of Treaty Rights serves as an illegal oil subsidy because there is no criteria for the percentage of completion of engineering reports required when the NEB gives permits at the federal level. There has been no effort to secure reasonable Crown consultation processes. There has been a lack of reasonable community dialogue prior to decisions. The engineering reports are not being provided for review in a reasonable manner. For

Clyde River, they didn't facilitate translation of the reports for these Innu people. Provincial engineering laws are required to be applied to licence hydro and municipal crossings and royalties are paid to those communities but First Nations are often excluded from the same benefits and protections. In my view, even if an oil pipeline is built to absolute perfection in Provincial jurisdictions yet still negates reasonable planning principals and engineering criteria for areas upstream or downstream on federal lands the associated liability risks are huge and impact us all. When spills happen we all pay. I fail to understand how the Canadian government can reasonably approve pipelines that lack consistent policies to protect human lives and property in equally from one end of the pipe to the other. To do so is discriminatory, inequitable and a clear violation of Charter Rights, Constitutional Rights and Treaties. It undermines investors to not disclose these policy risks. It undermines the intelligence of the public and leaves this government in the position to be sued. Just because the oil sector can't afford to do the job right doesn't mean we grant permissions with a long list of concessions thinking we've outsmarted them and Nafta. By approving these pipelines it is still sending the signal to the international community that is OK to ignore the health, the well being and birth rights of Indigenous people. Either you protect human lives equally or you don't. Further details in the attachments. Thank you kindly for your time. Louise Lanteigne

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Attachments

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