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Premier Rachel Notley  
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Dear Premier Notley:

I am writing you to request that you personally engage with Chief Lee Crowchild of Tsuut'ina Nation to discuss their concerns about the Springbank Offstream Reservoir project.

As you know, your government has determined the Springbank project is the most effective, least expensive way to protect Calgary's downtown core and river communities. And the project has by far the lowest environmental impact given its design as an offstream reservoir used only during flood conditions.

However, serious questions have been raised by Tsuut'ina Nation. While I believe the detailed Environmental Impact Assessment will provide the data to prove there is little or no impact on traditional or reserve lands, our Tsuut'ina brothers and sisters deserve to hear directly from the most senior levels of government on this important issue.

Past governments have made the mistake of relying on technical data to convince Indigenous peoples about the merits of a project. I'm sure you agree this is not adequate and does not represent fulsome consultation. And I also know that reconciliation and authentic engagement with Indigenous peoples is a priority for your government. This is a welcome change.

Notwithstanding the fact Minister Mason recently met with Chief Crowchild, I ask that you also meet with him to hear Tsuut'ina's concerns nation to nation, and to do what you can to address them. This will also provide an opportunity to discuss other issues including the work of the Child Intervention Panel, the exciting economic development happening at Tsuut'ina and any other issues the Tsuut'ina might like to discuss.

Thank you for your consideration. I and my constituents appreciate your government's commitment to the Springbank project, and I will do what I can to support your efforts to ensure this important project is operational as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



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C.c. Calgary River Communities Action Group