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(Via Email:info@aptn.ca)

APTN  
339 Portage Avenue  
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Dear Sir/ Madam,

**Re: Campaign of Defamation**

The writer has been retained as counsel for the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) and Grand Chief Arlen Dumas (Grand Chief).

I understand that allegations have been made against AMC Grand Chief Arlan Dumas by a Mr. Matthew Shorting. Kindly note, that at no point has any inquiry or effort to ensure the facts are correct been made. Accordingly, we have no choice but to consider any reporting on the above allegations to be a deliberate and malicious campaign of defamation.

In my view, any news story on the AMC Grand Chief and the above referenced allegation would cause irreparable damage to the AMC and their Grand Chief.

As I'm sure you are well aware, due to the political nature of this case, I have been instructed to direct your attention to the following relevant Manitoba Queen's Bench legal precedent:

- a) *Myers v. Canadian Broadcasting Corp.*, [2001], whereby a general damages award of \$200,000 was awarded by the court with an additional \$150,000 for aggravated damages.

Unfortunately, if this story is to be aired, we would be past the point whereby a monetary award could compensate my clients. As such would immediately file pleadings in the Court of Queen's Bench.

To re-iterate, I am hereby advising you that any reporting on the above allegations prior to the confirmation of facts, will have a direct impact on on my client's trust, credibility, standing and good reputation within the community, consequences for which I have been instructed to pursue all available legal remedies.

Govern yourself accordingly,

\* Practising as Independent Law Offices

Yours truly,

THE LAW OFFICES OF BOKHARI, SMITH & WALKER

Per:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Wolfe Walker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "D".

DAVID WOLFE WALKER