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Dear Mr. Hummel:

RE: Mercury Levels Class Action
Our File: 402525 EFA

I have acted for First Nations people since the 1960s. I was an advocate if First Nations' views in the legislature. On two occasions, First Nations (once, two band coming together) presented me with eagle feathers. We act for many in the leadership including a number of past Presidents of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nation. I am onsite.

Still, I do not think anything can be done regarding Grassy Narrows First Nation however, if you have some view on how we get around the settlement, whether it was unfair or not, I would consider that. You mentioned seeking a political settlement. I had the opportunity to speak with three different Prime Ministers about Indian Residential School litigation and always have access to the Ministers though they changed from time to time. Whether the Residential School Settlement was fair or not, and I think it was fairly good, it was achieved as a result of litigation. I see no way to pursue litigation over Grassy Narrows First Nation. I certainly do not think that a political settlement of some sort will emerge regarding Grassy Narrows and I would not want to try to put time into such an unlikely satisfactory result.

Are there any identifiable mercury issues elsewhere? We do not have to prove for certain that the high level of mercury in people is *caused* by a plant. I spent a week before a Judge in Newfoundland at the end of March regarding Agent Orange and Cape Gagetown. One of the defence lawyers said that we can not prove that this damage was done. The Judge responded that no one can prove that smoking tobacco causes cancer but everyone knows that it does cause cancer. As I mentioned when we spoke by telephone, we need identifiable groups with high mercury levels in an area where it is probable that the cause was a plant or some action by the government.

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