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Dear Chief Sock,

We write to you as Co-Chairs of the Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs to express our support for your standpoint on hydraulic fracturing. We not only share your concerns about the potential environmental impacts, but also have concerns about the safety of our Mi'kmaq people during the ongoing and escalating protests that have continued to take place near your home community.

In Nova Scotia, we have expressed our concerns regarding hydraulic fracturing and its potential effects to the environment throughout our consultation process and remain adamant that further consultation is required regarding the potential destructive environmental impacts of hydraulic fracturing before any decisions are made. We also continue to voice our concerns to both levels of government and have been working hard to ensure that our lands and waters are protected.

The province of Nova Scotia has commissioned an independent review of the effects of hydraulic fracturing, including the social, economic, environmental and health impacts. It is important to all of us in Mi'kma'ki that we fully understand the impacts as well as gain a better understanding of how we can move forward with the protection of our lands and waters as a focus.

We will continue to monitor the results of this independent review on behalf of our Mi'kmaq people and encourage you to advocate for similar studies to be done in your own province.

It is important to our people today, as well as for future generations that we work together, in a peaceful manner, to ensure that our environment is protected. We look forward to future discussion with you and fellow Chiefs in Mi'kma'ki.

Yours in Recognition of Rights and Title,



Chief Terrance Paul
Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs



Chief Gerard Julian
Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs