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Members of the Blood Tribe

Subject: Kainai Community Corrections Society

On behalf of each and every member of Council, I am writing to you the members to inform the Blood Tribe Council is upset with the recent actions of the Alberta Government with respect to the cutting of funding to the Alberta First Nations Justice Programs and specifically the Kainai Community Corrections Society.

The leadership of the Blood Tribe believes this unilateral action by the Alberta Solicitor General and Public Security Department is unjustified and wrong. There were no consultations with the Board of Directors of the Kainai Community Corrections Society regarding this action.

I think I speak for every member of the Blood Tribe when I say we want this funding restored.

The Kainai Community Corrections Society (KCCS) has developed a sterling reputation since its inception in 1989. It is a preeminent example of a First Nations model for self-administration in the field of justice. It is the only Society in Canada that operates a community correctional centre for male Aboriginal offenders.

The Council is truly disappointed with the actions of the Alberta Government in this regard.

Jobs on the Blood Reserve numbering 14 full-time and 10 part-time and the services of five Elders will be lost forever. Not to mention the fact that important programs and services designed to assist male Aboriginal offenders with rehabilitation will no longer operate. This action will limit the options for the judiciary in dealing with Aboriginal offenders in Alberta.

As well important crime prevention programs that work with our youth and the youth in neighbouring communities will no longer be in existence to show youth that crime is not a positive option.

The Kainai Community Corrections Society is doing a good job at administrating justice at the community level.

The savings to the Alberta Government for cutting funding to the Blood Tribe is miniscule; it represents less than four thousand of one percent.

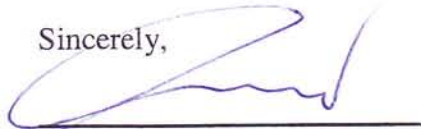
The operation of the Kainai Community Correctional Centre is very efficient and cost effective.

I want you to join with Council in showing our displeasure with regard to the funding cut. Please go to <http://www.kccs.ca/> and immediately you will see a Message of Concern to the Community. Once at this page, you will see a list of persons to whom you can email or write with your opinion.

Together, members and Council can show the Alberta Government that all Blood Tribe members care about the Kainai Community Corrections Society, and all are concerned about the cut in funding and we want the decision reversed.

Only through a solid show of solidarity can we achieve our goal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Charles Weaselhead', written over a horizontal line.

Chief Charles Weaselhead
Blood Tribe