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Dear Mr. Campbell,

Thank you for reaching out to our team with your letter. I am always happy for the opportunity to talk about our plans to get a better deal for the people of our wonderful province.

An NL NDP government will unequivocally support all the Calls to Action in the *Reconciliation Report 2024* that fall within provincial jurisdiction. We also pledge to work together in the spirit of true partnership with Indigenous governments and organizations on implementation. We also pledge to ensure that First Light, as the representative of urban Indigenous people, is included in every conversation that addresses issues facing this community. Our aim is to be trustworthy and reliable allies in the quest for true reconciliation.

In the coming days, we plan to release our fully costed platform, which has many planks that we believe that you and the team at First Light will be pleased to see. It includes a whole host of policies that will make life more affordable, strengthen our public healthcare system, and bring job opportunities to people in every corner of the province. In particular, the NL NDP commits to engaging in meaningful consultation with Indigenous and other equity-seeking groups to create an effective, civilian-led police oversight body for the province.

New Democrats believe that the Crown's relationship with Indigenous peoples must be based on an acknowledgement of our colonial history and include legally binding commitments to fair and equitable treatment going forward. As a means of righting historical wrongs, we pledge to pass legislation to adopt UNDRIP, with clear, achievable benchmarks and timelines for implementation, based on meaningful participation from Indigenous governments and organizations, particularly First Light.

I hope this statement of our position effectively summarizes the stance that the NL NDP will take on reconciliation and advancing the interests of the Indigenous peoples in this province. Once again, I thank you for your letter and the opportunity to share our position.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Dinn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jim Dinn  
Leader, NL NDP, Candidate for St. John's Centre