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Hello Leila, congratulations on your new role.

s.22 is a constituent of MLA John Horgan's. He has stopped into our office; I am not able to provide a response to his email.

Would you kindly review and let me know your thoughts??

Thank you
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-----Original Message-----

From: s.22
Sent: August 7, 2017 4:58 PM
To: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: United Nations Declaration of Rights

Hi John. Congratulations and best of luck as our new Premier. I'm writing as a constituent and concerned citizen.

Free prior and informed Consent is what First Nations now expect from the NDP under the UNDRIP. This is well intentioned but very bad public policy as the rural communities that rely on natural resources activities will see their families and communities wither under the weight of First Nations vetoes. British Columbians are generous and support many steps to improve First Nations conditions but they don't yet realize what the UNDRIP means and they will not support a veto. The treaty process will also suffer because of the disincentive to settle land claims.

I support improvements to the well being of First Nations but this is the wrong approach. I expect that you will come to realize that a First Nations veto is not consistent with Canadian law and is bad for our Province. There should have been some critical analysis of this before the NDP was making public commitments on this matter. Because that did not happen First Nations will be frustrated by another government that fails to deliver on its promises. This is a big deal and you are now in a tough spot. I hope you work with First Nations and all British Columbians to find a better balance where we can all thrive.