

## RE: Holding Lines

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Cc: Brandt, Alissa GCPE:EX  
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I made edits below and added two lines from MMF's statement.

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**Subject:** FW: Holding Lines  
George, see below for draft holding lines, thoughts?

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**Subject:** RE: Holding Lines  
How about this  
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## FW: joint letter re travel restrictions

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**Sent:** April 21, 2021 5:26:53 PM PDT  
**Attachments:** Joint Letter to Province Regarding Proposed BC Travel Restrictions April 2021.pdf

Flagging this for you both. There is planned discussion briefing with FNLC tomorrow and as noted Mark – Cole is attending but you might want to engage Wayne or Jamie

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**From:** Brazier, Heather M EMBC:EX  
**Sent:** April 21, 2021 5:19 PM  
**To:** Richards, Tara R EMBC:EX ; Peterson, Dave EMBC:EX ; McClintock, Carol EMBC:EX  
**Cc:** Roe, Sandra EMBC:EX ; Fraser, Agnes EMBC:EX  
**Subject:** FW: joint letter re travel restrictions  
**Importance:** High

This certainly give a good sense of what the FNLC will want to discuss in tomorrow's briefing.

Tara, will you forward to Mark? Cole Winegarden will participate in the FNLC and Treaty FN briefings, but it may be advisable to have someone more senior from PSSG as well.

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**From:** Rice, Colleen A AG:EX <Colleen.Rice@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** April 21, 2021 5:13 PM  
**To:** Brazier, Heather M EMBC:EX <Heather.Brazier@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: joint letter re travel restrictions  
Apologies there was a typo in the email address.

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**From:** Rice, Colleen A AG:EX  
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**Cc:** Stirling, Alexander AG:EX <Alexander.Stirling@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: joint letter re travel restrictions  
Hi Heather and Natalie,  
This letter came to one of my team members this afternoon (we have been working with FNLC on another legislative project). We are putting up through the proper correspondence channels with a redirect to EMBC, Alex suggested that you would both be interested in seeing the letter, and considering the travel restrictions come in on Friday I thought I would send it through to you now.  
Thank you,  
Colleen

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**From:** Tucker, Melanie AG:EX <Melanie.Tucker@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 4:35 PM  
**To:** Rice, Colleen A AG:EX <Colleen.Rice@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: joint letter re travel restrictions  
FYI  
Melanie

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**From:** Andrea Glickman <andrea@ubcic.bc.ca>  
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**Subject:** joint letter re travel restrictions

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Hi Melanie

Please see the attached letter. Are you able to get this to the AG and SG directly?

My best  
Andrea



April 21, 2021

Premier of BC John Horgan

Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

David Eby, Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing

**VIA EMAIL ONLY**

**Subject: Proposed Travel Restrictions in BC and Accompanying Police Enforcement**

Dear Premier Horgan, Minister Farnworth and Minister Eby,

We are writing to you today on behalf of the BC Civil Liberties Association, Union of BC Indian Chiefs, BC First Nations Justice Council, British Columbia Assembly of First Nations, First Nations Summit, Pivot Legal Society, Criminal Defence Advocacy Society, Coalition of Peers Dismantling the Drug War, Sanctuary Health, PACE Society, and the Pacific AIDS Network with serious concerns and questions about an upcoming provincial order on travel restrictions and accompanying police enforcement in BC, to be announced on April 23, 2021.

We absolutely believe there are urgent measures needed to be taken in order to curb the deadly spread of COVID-19 in our communities. However, we are deeply concerned about the overbroad and unconstitutional expansion of police powers that will disproportionately impact Black, Indigenous and racialized communities. Our key concern is with the proposed restrictions on a person's ability to leave their health-care authority and accompanying police enforcement.

It is concerning to us that the government would make two public announcements about a provincial order of this magnitude in such a vague way and with no accompanying details. We are also concerned that the comments of Premier Horgan and Solicitor General Farnworth are different from one another, which adds to the confusion experienced by the public. The lack of information and details about the order has raised many alarm bells, especially in the middle of a global and local reckoning about systemic racism in policing and policing powers.

**Based on what we can gather from media reports, we have several concerns and questions for the provincial government regarding the serious constitutional issues at stake and potential harmful impacts of such a proposed order.**

#### **Definitions and Objectives:**

1. What is “essential travel”? Will “essential travel” under the order be broadly defined to include, for example, access to support services, food delivery and mutual aid efforts in marginalized communities, care for a loved one, and work in criminalized economies? Indigenous, low-income and working-class people are often moving across local health authority boundaries to find more affordable or culturally-appropriate necessities.
2. How is the tailoring of the order to health authority boundaries connected to the objective of lowering COVID transmissions? What evidence is the Province relying on to inform the notion that the pending restrictions are reasonable limits on our rights?

#### **Policing Powers:**

3. What are the specific powers being granted to police that police will have to enforce this order?
4. What is the permissible scope of questioning that police will be authorized to conduct? Police do not currently have the powers to compel people to answer questions about where they are going and for what purpose. Would this order expand discretionary police powers to compel answers from BC residents suspected of traveling outside their health authority? All police powers, and especially discretionary police powers like police street checks, have a documented and indisputable history of being racist especially against Indigenous and Black people in BC.
5. What proof will police be asking for to ascertain if a person is leaving their health authority for essential travel? How are people expected to provide evidence that their mobility is essential? Will people have to produce sensitive personal information, such as proof of employment or medical information, to establish that their mobility is essential?

Due to a complex set of systemic institutional barriers, Indigenous peoples, migrants with precarious status, and those in criminalized economies are least likely to be able to provide the necessary evidence that might be demanded of them.

6. One of the many ways in which systemic racism in policing manifests is that racialized people, especially Black and Indigenous youth and gender-diverse people, are presumed guilty and have to prove their innocence. Can and how will the Province ensure that Black, Indigenous and racialized people are not subjected to increased police harassment, interrogation or surveillance during this questioning process by police?
7. Will people have access to legal counsel when stopped by the police at these checkpoints?
8. Will police have the authority to run people's names into police databases to, for example, collect information on outstanding warrants or check immigration status? Will the police be explicitly barred from enforcing other laws in the course of their questioning at these checkpoints? How will the provincial government ensure that police will not use these expanded police powers as a pretext for other law enforcement actions?
9. Will police be retaining or storing any information they collect in police databases? What are the restrictions on the collection, retention or disclosure of personal information? How will the provincial government ensure that any collected data is immediately destroyed?

### **Consequences:**

10. What are the consequences for refusing to answer questions from the police? Will the police only have the power to issue violation tickets in the face of non-compliance with police questioning, or could the police obstruct people from continuing their movement (e.g. seize vehicles, detain people if they refuse to answer questions or provide identification documents, etc.)? Could it result in criminal charges such as obstruction?
11. What are the consequences for breaching the order? Due to the disproportionate levels of poverty that Indigenous, Black, racialized, and recent immigrant communities face, these communities will be less likely to be able to pay any fines that may be levied if they are found to be breaking the order.
12. Has the provincial government considered the potential and significant legal violations of constitutional and privacy rights and ensuing court challenges in drafting the order?

### Consultation and Consent:

13. How are you consulting with diverse Black, Indigenous, racialized communities? Which organizations and individuals? It is a public process of consultation available to the most marginalized and vulnerable to police powers within diverse BIPOC communities?
14. How are you consulting sex workers and people who use drugs about the impact of travel on their access to services, travel to or from work, safe(r) supply, ethical substance use navigators, and services such as safe consumption sites, harm reduction distribution sites, peer support, and sex worker support services? Which organizations and individuals? Is it a public and safe consultation available to sex workers, people who use drugs, peer-led organizations, advocacy organizations, and harm reduction providers?
15. Indigenous peoples have been requesting full involvement in discussions regarding access to their respective territories since the COVID-19 pandemic began in spring 2020. The provincial government and all levels of government must recognize and respect First Nations jurisdiction and decisions in BC. Any introduction of orders that regulate movement of people throughout the province should have consent of all First Nations in BC. The Province has legislated the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People through the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*.

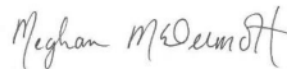
We welcome a response from your offices.

Sincerely,



Harsha Walia, Executive Director

BC Civil Liberties Association



Meghan McDermott, Policy Director & Staff Counsel



Grand Chief Stewart Phillip  
President



Chief Don Tom  
Vice President



Kukpi7 Judy Wilson  
Secretary-Treasurer

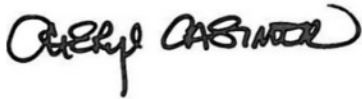
On behalf of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs



Doug White, QC, Chair, BCFNJC, on behalf of BC First Nations Justice Council



Regional Chief Terry Teegee, on behalf of the BC Assembly of First Nations



Cheryl Casimer



Robert Phillips



Lydia Hwitsum

On behalf of the First Nations Summit



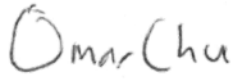
Meenakshi Mannoe, Criminalization & Policing Campaigner, Pivot Legal Society



Eris Nyx, Executive Director, Coalition of Peers Dismantling the Drug War



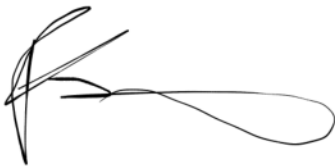
Kasandra Cronin, Q.C., President, The Criminal Defence Advocacy Society




Omar Chu  
On Behalf of Sanctuary Health



Byron Cruz



Kit Rothschild, PACE Society



Jennifer Evin Jones, BaH, Juris Doctor (JD), Executive Director, Pacific AIDS Network



## **FYI Katie DeRosa request || FW: Farnworth meeting with BIPOC communities**

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**Cc:** Paterson, Travis GCPE:EX <Travis.Paterson@gov.bc.ca>; McAndrews, Caroline GCPE:EX <Caroline.McAndrews@gov.bc.ca>

**Subject:** Farnworth meeting with BIPOC communities

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Hi Tara, Travis and Caroline,

Further to my request for a statement from Minister Farnworth on travel restrictions and the impact on racialized communities, he said in QP he will be meeting with racialized communities this afternoon on the issue. Can you specific which groups he will be talking to?

Thank you

Katie

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## **Fw: Update: Racialized community call with Min Farnworth, Min Eby, PS Singh**

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Hi George,  
Looping you in on the thinking. I will call you shortly on this.  
Don

**From:** Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX  
**Sent:** April 22, 2021 1:17 PM  
**To:** Girn, Naveen PREM:EX; Geary, Vanessa PREM:EX; Hockin, Amber PREM:EX; Bain, Don PREM:EX; Nash, Amber PREM:EX; Brewer, Lia PREM:EX  
**Cc:** Brandt, Alissa GCPE:EX; Smith, George PREM:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Update: Racialized community call with Min Farnworth, Min Eby, PS Singh  
Thanks Naveen, appreciate the update.<sup>s.13</sup>  
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**Subject:** Update: Racialized community call with Min Farnworth, Min Eby, PS Singh

Hi all,  
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Thanks,  
Naveen



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Thank you, everyone

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Thanks for you work on this Naveen

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## **FW: FOR MO REVIEW: MMF media statement for today**

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**Subject:** FOR MO REVIEW: MMF media statement for today

Hi there: A few runs through with program, here is where it landed. Edited version below good by Wayne and Mark,  
for your review:

“Dr. Henry has been clear: it is urgent that we restrict travel to control the spread of the COVID-19 variants in our  
province. Travel out of your region has already been not advised for some time. What is new, is that for a short time,  
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## Statement sent || FW: Minister Farnworth statement

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FYI both I've now sent to all MMF scrum requestors from today, including Richard.  
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**From:** Gostelow, Tara GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 22, 2021 4:10 PM  
**To:** 'Liza Yuzda' <Liza.Yuzda@rci.rogers.com>  
**Cc:** Byers, Lindsay PREM:EX <Lindsay.Byers@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, George PREM:EX <George.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Minister Farnworth statement

Hi Liza – here is the statement:

**Statement from Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General:**

“Dr. Henry has been clear: it is urgent that we restrict travel to control the spread of the COVID-19 variants in our province. Travel out of your region has already been not advised for some time. What is new, is that for a short time, there will now be an order that prohibits non-essential travel between defined regions. We hope that people will heed the order and not travel as prescribed.

“This week we have been meeting with stakeholders to hear their concerns and ensure these new orders do not unfairly impact racialized communities. We are also consulting law enforcement leadership on operational strategies to support enforcement of the new orders. British Columbians need to continue doing their part to slow the spread of COVID-19 and stay in their communities during these next five weeks. The ultimate goal is not to punish, but to keep British Columbians healthy and safe.”

Many thanks,

**Tara Gostelow** (she/her/hers)

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I would like to acknowledge with respect the Lekwungen people, including the Esquimalt and Songhees First Nations, whose land I am grateful to live, work and play on.

## missing period

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From: Crebo, David GCPE:EX <David.Crebo@gov.bc.ca>  
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Hi!

I won't bug Jordan with this. I had this flagged for me...a missing period at the end of this paragraph on p2 of the 9:30 NR.

Police will not engage in random checks, and enforcement measures will be informed by discussions with stakeholders on limiting the impacts to racialized communities. These road checks will be set up near ferry terminals and on highway corridors that connect different regions of the province

Dave Crebo

Communications Director

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

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## NEWS RELEASE

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2021PSSG0029-000758  
April 23, 2021

Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General  
Emergency Management BC

### **Province introduces travel restrictions to curb spread of COVID-19**

VICTORIA – To help keep communities safe and protect British Columbia’s health-care system from COVID-19, the Province is introducing travel restrictions that limit non-essential travel in B.C.

On the advice of Dr. Bonnie Henry, B.C.’s provincial health officer (PHO), Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, has issued a new order using the extraordinary powers of the Emergency Program Act to prohibit non-essential travel between three regional zones in the province, using health authority boundaries. The regional zones are:

1. Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley (Fraser Health and Coastal Health regions);
2. Vancouver Island (Island Health region); and
3. Northern/Interior (Interior Health and Northern Health regions).

While the order puts legal limits only on travel between regional zones, the PHO’s guidance remains unchanged throughout B.C.: everyone should continue to stay within their local community – essential travel only.

This order will be in effect from April 23 through May 25, 2021, (after the May long weekend). It applies to everyone in the province, including non-essential travellers from outside the province.

“The new variant strains are infecting more people and resulting in record levels of hospitalizations that place a growing strain on the front-line health workers who have been here for us throughout this pandemic. To help protect them and our communities, we must do more to discourage travel and begin to enforce restrictions on non-essential travel,” Farnworth said. “While this new legal order targets those who are travelling across regional zones for recreational purposes, the advice from Dr. Henry to stay local remains in place everywhere in B.C. Do not go to Whistler or Tofino – even on a day trip. Everyone should stay close to home.”

This order applies to non-essential travel. There are circumstances where travel is essential and permissible, such as attending school or work, the commercial transportation of goods, returning to a principal residence, accessing child care, obtaining health care or assisting someone to receive health care, and the commercial transportation of goods. (A full list follows in a background.)

“Community transmission and COVID-19 cases – including variants of concern – have increased in our health authorities, with many cases being linked to non-essential travel within B.C.,” Henry said. “I am calling on everyone to stay in their local communities and support these travel restrictions to stop the most dangerous travel across regional zones to control the spread of COVID-19 and support our front-line health-care workers.”

To help ensure this travel restriction is effective, the Province is also working with:

- The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure – on highway signage and increasing signage along the border with Alberta;
- BC Ferries – to restrict non-essential vehicle passage, deter non-essential bookings and limit sailings;
- tourism and accommodation industry association leaders – to strongly encourage all operators/businesses to support the order by declining new bookings from outside their regional zones and cancelling existing bookings from outside their regional zones;
- BC Parks – to inform the public about restrictions and refund bookings where necessary; and
- police departments – on establishing enforcement measures in the coming days.

The goal of this order will be education and further discouraging people from travelling for non-essential reasons. In the coming days, the Province will work with police to establish periodic road checks at key travel corridors during times associated with leisure travel to remind travellers of the order.

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If compliance measures are deemed necessary by police, fines can be handed out. At the discretion of police, a contravention of this Emergency Program Act travel order may be subject to a \$575 fine.

Effective immediately, these measures are enacted under the provincial state of emergency, using the extraordinary powers of the Emergency Program Act. The act allows the minister to implement all procedures the minister considers necessary to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of an emergency, including controlling or prohibiting travel to or from any area of British Columbia.

#### **Learn More:**

For more information about current COVID-19 travel restrictions, visit:  
[www.gov.bc.ca/covidtravel](http://www.gov.bc.ca/covidtravel)

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A backgrounder follows.

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This order applies to non-essential travel. It does not apply to:

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- moving to a different principal residence or assisting a person to move for that purpose;
- commercially transporting goods;
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- attending court;
- complying with a court order;
- spending parenting time with a minor child;
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- visiting by an essential visitor as provided in the guidance of the Ministry of Health set out in a document titled Ministry of Health - Overview of Visitors in Long-Term Care and Seniors' Assisted Living that was in effect on April 1, 2021;
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## Re: missing period

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To: Crebo, David GCPE:EX <David.Crebo@gov.bc.ca>  
Cc: GCPE Editors <GCPEEDIT@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: April 23, 2021 9:17:34 AM PDT

Thanks. I flagged it with them via email earlier but s.22

I'll email them again

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 23, 2021, at 9:14 AM, Crebo, David GCPE:EX <David.Crebo@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi!

I won't bug Jordan with this. I had this flagged for me...a missing period at the end of this paragraph on p2 of the 9:30 NR.

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## Your eyes

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To: Smith, George PREM:EX <George.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: April 23, 2021 11:10:18 AM PDT

**Q1: What are you doing to address concerns from racialized communities that order enforcement could unfairly target these communities?**

- We are focused on making sure these new orders do not unfairly impact racialized communities and are taking steps to make sure we get this right.
- Police will not be conducting random checks or street checks to enforce this order.
- Our intention is to discourage recreational and leisure travel – not punish people – and we are not interested in disrupting commuters and people going about their lives.
- The Minister will continue meeting with a variety of groups on this issue and will use their feedback and concerns to inform the order.

**Lia Brewer**

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That was his advice. Thanks for statement draft. We can review now.

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To: Maartman, William PSSG:EX <William.Maartman@gov.bc.ca>, Girn, Naveen PREM:EX <Naveen.Girn@gov.bc.ca>, Smith, George PREM:EX <George.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: April 23, 2021 3:38:37 PM PDT

Hello all,

To add to Naveen's points, as well, s.13

I welcome George's advice and guidance on this one.  
Don

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**Sent:** April 23, 2021 3:10 PM  
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Really helpful. Thanks Naveen.

Don/George – I have another thread going with Alissa and our team on this. Going to copy and paste in there.

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Hi Will,

No worries at all. I am including George and Don on this email for their advice.

A couple of points come to mind:

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Thanks,  
Naveen  
Sent from my iPhone

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Alissa or Jason? Can we send out now?

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