

EEL RIVER BAR FIRST NATION

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March 17th, 2025 Martha O'Sullivan Deputy Minister, Indigenous Affairs Constituency Office: Tracadie-Sheila 399-127 du Couvent Street Tracadie, New Brunswick E1X 1E1

Cc: Premier Susan Holt

Cc: The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister

Cc: Honourable Keith Chiasson, Minister of Indigenous Affairs

Cc: Honourable Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Justice & Attorney General

Dear Deputy Minister:

Chief and Council at Eel River Bar First Nation would like to express our concerns regarding the scope of drug trafficking on the reservation, and the recent raids of First Nation dispensaries in Nova Scotia.

We as a community have real life problems with the distribution of hard drugs on our reserve, and would like to see that addressed before we see the closure and arrests of our members who are making their living selling legalized cannabis products.

We have issued BCR's to the RCMP for the removal of drug dealers on our reserve lands, the RCMP will not enforce our BCR's and our community lives with a real danger having these drug dealers who operate without fear of legal repercussions. Our children are at risk, our elders are at risk, our community is asking for cooperation from Government officials to control this problem.