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Dear Honourable Mark Strahl, Honourable Ed Fast, and Honourable Brad Vis: Members for Chilliwack, Hope, Abbotsford, and Mission – constituencies that cover our University of the Fraser Valley Campuses

The recent uncovering of the unmarked and undocumented deaths of 215 children at the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc former Indian Residential school has provided an urgent reminder to non-Indigenous people of the need to honour the 2015 Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action. We call upon you, and your elected colleagues, to earnestly act upon the Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Report. Specifically, we ask that you respond with immediacy to those under the heading: Missing Children and Burial Information:

former residential school students to establish and maintain an online registry of residential school cemeteries, including, where possible, plot maps showing the location of deceased residential school children;

#74 that the federal government to work with the churches and Aboriginal community leaders to inform the families of children who died at residential schools of the child's burial location, and to respond to families' wishes for appropriate commemoration ceremonies and markers, and reburial in home communities where requested

#75 We call upon the federal government to work with provincial, territorial, and municipal governments, churches, Aboriginal communities, former residential

