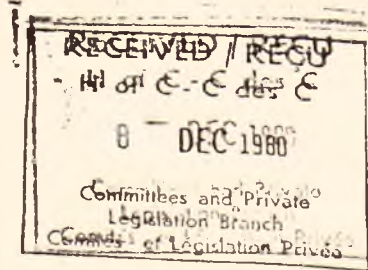


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Dear Sirs,

We are distressed to learn that the native peoples will be given only two days' hearing before your committee.

Such a time stricture shows insensitivity to the native peoples' concept of government by consensus and to their culture and traditions. They are already under stress to present their positions by regions. Again there is insensitivity shown to the diversity of nationhood among them as Canada's original peoples and first nations.

We stand in solidarity with the native peoples' demand that the Constitution not be patriated without entrenchment of their aboriginal rights according to the Royal Proclamation of 1763.

Yours sincerely,

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