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Oki Chief Ninawa,

Thank you for reaching out to Siksika Nation with your kind words and including us in your adversarial efforts. We acknowledge that the Indigenous and inherent right to land and resources is a fight that we believe in and are continually engaged in on a continual basis with the Canadian government. Having said this, we do recognize that similar injustices are of a global concern and many of our Indigenous relations are faced with an even greater and immediate infringement to the land. It is customary Siksikawa belief that we must respect each Indigenous nations' ties to their home territories, and when called upon to assist to help protect the sacred, we must offer our support in any way that we can.

Chief Ouray Crowfoot, Councillor Samuel Crowfoot and I, Councillor Susan Solway, were introduced to one of your supporters, Vanessa Andreotti, last week through fellow Siksika member Maria Big Snake, to further discuss what is happening in your region. It is our understanding that issues such as the one that you and your people are faced with is one that can have significant impacts to the global community by way of governmental decision making that is not in the best interest of Indigenous groups as a collective. We cannot stand by and allow governments to pass laws that will further disregard our Indigeneity and destruct our natural environments.

We fully understand the implications that unsustainable development has to our land, but also to our source water, air quality, eco systems, climate, forests, and the extinction or the displacement of our wildlife and their habitats. This is a cause that all people around the world should be rallying behind.

It is with great honour that we, Siksika Nation, stand behind the Indigenous people of the Amazon and Brazilian region, to call on the Supreme Court and the Brazilian Congress to discontinue all actions that ignore Indigenous rights and fail to adhere to the consent, consultation and cooperation process as outlined in Article 19 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Indigenous people have inherent rights to the ancestral territories of their people and these rights must be upheld by governing bodies so that all groups who occupy the area are respected equally. It is the duty of all human beings to act in good faith with one another; to promote justice, dignity and equality as put forth in the Universal Declaration on Human Rights.

Furthermore, we recognize the following:

- Indigenous peoples are also known as guardians of the forest, Amazon Forest (Huni Kui, 2021).



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- The Amazon Forest and the Amazon River basin (Dr. River Basin) are vital for the planet. The forest filters the air we breathe and the river basin regulates the water currents affecting the climate and the atmosphere (Huni Kui, 2021).
- If the attackers (stakeholders) are not stopped, all life will suffer within the Amazon Forest. The forest will turn into a savanna with no trees and no animals. We need to protect the rights of nature and indigenous people in Brazil and everywhere (Huni Kui, 2021).
- The Amazon Forest needs guardians to keep it safe from all stakeholders who want to open these protected lands to mining, logging, and farming (Huni Kui, 2021).
- United Nations Declarations on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (United Nations, 2007).

I hope this letter serves you well in your efforts to preserve the amazon rainforest against deforestation and Indigenous rights. Siksika Nation thanks you for your commitment.

Much respect,

Chief Ouray Crowfoot

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Councillor Samuel Crowfoot  
Councillor Kendall Panther  
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