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Chief Brendan Mitchell
Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation
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Dear Chief Mitchell:

On July 22, 2019, the Government of Canada marked another milestone in the transformation of the way services are delivered to Indigenous Peoples by announcing the transfer of branches from Crown–Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada to Indigenous Services Canada. The Individual Affairs Branch is now under the purview of Indigenous Services Canada as is the Qalipu Enrolment file.

To this effect, and by way of this letter, I wish to acknowledge receipt of the Band Council Resolution from the Qalipu First Nation as well as the Resolution from the Board of Directors of the Federation of Newfoundland Indians as they pertain to the Veterans and active service members of the Canadian Armed Forces or of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Rest assured, I remain committed to continuing our work with regards to reconsidering Veterans, Canadian Armed Forces and Royal Canadian Mounted Police, as well as continuing exploratory discussions regarding the group of individuals who held a membership in the Federation of Newfoundland Indians or in other Mi'kmaq organizations named in the 2008 Agreement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Seamus O'Regan'.

The Honourable Seamus O'Regan, PC, MP

c.c.: The Honourable Carolyn Bennett, MD, PC, MP