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Desnethé—Missinippi—Churchill River

Honourable Ralph Goodale
Minister of Public Safety and
Emergency Preparedness
House of Commons
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Dear Minister Goodale,

I have been in close contact with Chief Peter A. Beatty from Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation. He and I are very concerned about the three forest fires burning near Pelican Narrows. To date, over 110,000 hectares have burned. Evacuations have occurred and people have been taken to Prince Albert and Saskatoon.

I am very concerned with the number of wildfire fire fighters on the ground. I believe that additional wildfire fire fighters are required to put out the fires. In the last few weeks, the band has provided resources to train local residents in type 3 level qualifications so that they may qualify as wildfire fire fighters. To date, the province has not hired all the qualified fire fighters. Chief Beatty requests to have additional wildfire fighters to be hired from Pelican Narrows.

I am writing this letter to request a meeting with you to join Chief Peter A. Beatty, Prince Albert Grand Council representatives, MLA Doyle Vermette and myself as soon as you are available. Premier Brad Wall and the Ministry of Environment will also be invited to attend.

I look forward to hearing back from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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