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Hon. Brian Kenny
Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development
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Dear Minister Kenny:

Congratulations on your recent appointment as Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development.

I am writing to encourage you to move Bill 10: An Act to Amend the Education Act, forward. This Bill, currently referred to the Committee of the Whole, will mandate the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to incorporate First Nations history and culture in its curricula. This bill is a direct response to the final recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and it is an important first step in reconciling the relationship between First Nations and the Government of New Brunswick.

The 10-year-education plan will be released soon. I would also encourage you to ensure that the initiatives and goals outlined in this plan are adequately financed. The teachers and educational support staff that implement these programs are overworked already and need to feel the support of this government behind them.

I would be happy to speak with you in more detail on this matter if you so desire.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Coon".

David Coon,
MLA, Fredericton South
Leader, Green Party of New Brunswick