To:

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations Carolyn Bennett

Minister of Indigenous Services Marc Miller

[option to add your MP]

c/o alliesofonkwehonwe@gmail.com

[insert date]

Dear Ministers,

[introduce yourself – name; community / County / municipality / riding / Nation affiliation(s)].

I am writing in support of the land defenders at 1492 Land Back Lane who have been waiting on the land near Six Nations for over 170 days. The Haudenosaunee land defenders have been waiting for the federal government to show up and engage in dialogue and meaningful action. The Haudenosaunee people of the Grand River territory have been calling for nation-to-nation engagement for decades.

I am dismayed and frustrated by the lack of action by your government to ensure the treaty, traditional governance, sovereignty and land rights of the Haudenosaunee peoples of Six Nations. The longstanding, well-documented injustices related to Six Nations governance, funds, and territories need to be resolved through mechanisms that respect the Two Row Wampum treaty agreement and traditional Haudenosaunee governance. The Haldimand Tract granted to the Six Nations in 1784 is now just five per cent of its original size, and the vital roles of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and Clan Mothers go unrecognized. The erosions of Indigenous sovereignty were brought about by unjust means and have been contested repeatedly by leaders at Six Nations and their allies over the past 150 years.

[option to insert your concerns about other land reclamation, treaty rights, Indigenous sovereignty, environmental stewardship efforts across Turtle Island as a way to link other efforts and demonstrations to what’s happening at 1492 Land Back Lane]

It is your duty as government representatives to engage in meaningful relationships with the Haudenosaunee, to actively participate in upholding and implementing the United Nations’ Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and to keep your promises regarding Truth and Reconciliation.

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