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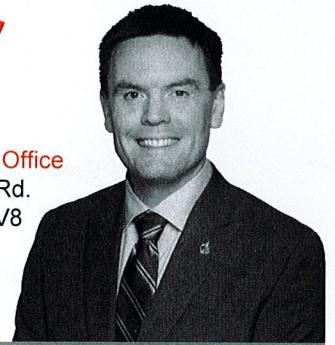
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The Honourable Patty Hajdu
Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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RE: The Aboriginal Community-Based Training Partnerships Program; the Pacheedaht First Nation adult college preparation program.

Dear Minister Hajdu,

I am writing to you to request that you immediately re-instate federal funding to the Aboriginal Community-Based Training Partnerships Program (ACBTP).

As you may be aware, the ACBTP focuses on building partnerships between Public Post-Secondary Institutions and Aboriginal communities to improve access to post-secondary education and training within Aboriginal communities.

In my riding, the Pacheedaht First Nation and Camosun College entered into a partnership to deliver an adult college preparation program. The planning, including budgets, for this programming were discussed over a period of years with the understanding that the Nation would be able to obtain funding for direct student support costs from the ACBTP .

The first stage of the partnership program successfully accessed funding through the ACBTP. However, as there was no call for funding through 2018-2019, the Pacheedaht First Nation is currently struggling to fund the second stage of the partnership program. This is an unexpected hardship, in the sum of \$30,000.

It has been brought to my attention that there will be another call for funding in the future, though it is unclear exactly when.

In light of these facts, I ask that you to commit the resources required to rectify this situation and restore funding through the ACBTP.

I thank you for your time and consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,



Alistair MacGregor
Member of Parliament
Cowichan-Malahat-Langford

CC: Pacheedaht First Nation
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