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**Honourable David Eby**  
Premier of British Columbia  
Parliament Buildings, Victoria, BC  
*Delivered via email*

**Re: Urgent Action Needed on Housing to Prevent Violence Against Indigenous Women**

**Dear Premier Eby,**

On May 5th, 2026, Red Dress Day, the Aboriginal Housing Management Association (AHMA) stands in solidarity with Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people living in urban, rural and northern communities across British Columbia (BC). Red Dress Day honours the lives of missing and murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people, while raising awareness on the disproportionate violence they face. It is both a day of remembrance and a call to action.

AHMA, alongside our allies, recognizes that housing insecurity is linked to increased risk of violence. Barriers to culturally safe and supported housing may force survivors to stay with or return to perpetrators. The lack of housing limits pathways to safety, leaving many to navigate complex systems that are not designed to meet their needs.

This is exacerbated in BC's northern communities, where access to services is further complicated by geographical distance and scarcity. The absence of housing programs alongside large-scale resource development projects in these communities poses serious risks to the safety and well-being of Indigenous women. It is well documented that resource extraction contributes to the financialization of housing and the influx of temporary workers, which is associated with increased risk of sex trafficking, substance use, and violence. Northern communities, including those along Highway 16, known as the Highway of Tears, remain particularly vulnerable.

While we recognize the importance and commitment of the province to move major resource projects forward, it is essential that these economic initiatives take care to mitigate their impacts on Indigenous women and girls. To achieve this, the province needs to re-commit to sustained investment in housing and supports that can protect Indigenous women and girls from violence.



With this, we are calling on the Province to:

1. Commit sustained and increased investment in For-Indigenous, By-Indigenous-led housing solutions, ensuring that housing initiatives are culturally safe, community-driven, and developed in ways that respect Indigenous rights, knowledge, and self-determination.
2. Partner meaningfully with Indigenous leadership, housing providers, and community organizations to implement long-term housing strategies that address housing insecurity, promote safety, and prevent violence.
3. Demonstrate transparency and accountability by publicly reporting on commitments, investments, and outcomes related to housing access and safety across the province.

This letter has been prepared in collaboration with our allies to reflect our shared commitment to honouring the lives, dignity, and rights of Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQIA+ people in BC. The issues raised in this letter represent a unified voice across BC. Our letter is supported by non-profit organizations, victim services, Friendship Centres and industry leaders.

We welcome the opportunity to meet and discuss how housing solutions can be aligned with broader justice and safety reforms to protect survivors, strengthen communities, and prevent further harm.

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