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Dear Elder Veronica,

The Union of BC Indian Chiefs is deeply honoured to acknowledge your decades of advocacy, leadership and dedication to justice and equity for our communities' most vulnerable. Your work with our women and girls, homeless relatives, and residents of CRAB Park since the 1980s is demonstrative of your fighting spirit and strong heart.

During the COVID-19 pandemic we have witnessed those living on the margins pushed deeper into poverty and outright displacement. We thank you for the care and commitment you continue to display during this time of increasing precarity and displacement for downtown Eastside residents, and for your support to Kúkpi7 Judy with the Spirit Fast for the Fraser. Your presence and role of sacred fire keeper in CRAB park has been an incredible gift and comfort to advocates and residents in the community alike and has provide a space for all to gather in solidarity.

Frontline warriors like yourself are essential in the continued effort for community justice, well-being and a safe dignified life for all. We at the UBCIC thank you for your care and fighting spirit and look forward to standing shoulder to shoulder with you as we continue in the struggle together.

On behalf of the UNION OF BC INDIAN CHIEFS

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