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The attached brief on the liquor problem is submitted  
by the Indian people of the Fort Smith area.

## PETITION

My people and I send you this petition to show you how serious the problem of liquor is among us and to ask for your help. We have no greater problem than liquor. It can be obtained too easily. Where there is no money to buy it, goods and furniture, clothing and even food are sold to get money for drink.

Help under other programs is mostly wasted as long as the Government looks away from the liquor problem. If Government will help us with the liquor problem, my people will begin to be free to help themselves.

We have heard about a liquor system at Frobisher Bay, in the Northwest Territories, which made it necessary to wait two weeks for delivery of any liquor ordered. We ask that such a system be tried in Fort Smith. We would like to have a period of time go by between the time liquor is ordered and paid for and the time it could be picked up.

We have already been warned that this may be refused in Fort Smith because of the hotel liquor licensing. Even if this is true, we ask that the Territorial Council please listen to our serious request, and discuss with our Chief some way to help us.

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