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The Honourable Stephen Kakfwi
Minister of Justice
Government of the N.W.T.
Box 1320
Yellowknife, N.W.T.
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Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Salt River First Nation #195 we are in full support of our respective MLA, Ms. Jeannie Marie Jewell as she addresses the concern of a particular inmate at the Womens Correctional Centre in Fort Smith. The number of concerns to this regard is to exceptional treatment of a particular inmate in terms of the schooling and accommodation provisions made available to this inmate. The other concern is in regards to the sentencing and whether in fact the policies of incarceration reflect the sentence that the Courts have made judgement. These are a few of the concerns we have at the moment and would like clarification on these matters. The main point I must emphasize at this point is our full support to our MLA in regards to addressing the concerns of the community of Fort Smith. I would strongly urge the respective Minister to respond and further to address the concerns of our community.

If there are any concerns I would be more than pleased to respond further, but all the confidence is in our MLA to address our concerns to its fullest.

Sincerely,

Raymond Beaver
for Chief Jerry Paulette

cc: MLA, Jeannie Marie Jewell

The logo legend incorporates two arrows to represent the Cree and Chipewyan tribes with the elements of the drum design representing the sun, fire representing the eternal flame and the water design on the tent represents the rapids of the Slave River. The teepees represents the settlement of Fort Smith. The bottom date (1888) represents the signing of Treaty 8, while 1984 records the year the logo was put into use. The diagonal staff represents the 80th parallel. The double pointed arrow shows the joining of the native people in the community. The lightning bolt represents the power to vote, while the bow and arrow represent hunting and native rights.

