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From: Susan G. Enberg & Edmund Metatawabin

**Ms. Wilson-Raybould, Honourable Minister of Justice and Attorney
General of Canada**
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON
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Dear Honourable Minister Wilson-Raybould:

Today I am writing to you on behalf of Edmund Metatawabin and myself. Edmund is a former Chief of the Fort Albany First Nation, acclaimed author, and most significantly, Coordinator for the Peetabeck Keway Keykaywin Association (St. Anne's Residential School Survivors' Association). Edmund and many others from the First Nations of Fort Albany, Attawapiskat, Peawanuck and Weenusk attended St. Anne's residential school (aka Albany Roman Catholic Mission School) as children due to policies of the Canadian government. As for myself, I am currently pursuing a Masters degree at Ryerson University; my thesis work focuses on abuses that occurred at St. Anne's residential school, or as a result of attending St. Anne's residential school. It is my highest hope that we—as a democratic nation—can now begin to move forward in correcting some injustices of the past, those that have greatly impacted upon the First Peoples of this country in negative ways.

Minister Wilson-Raybould, I would like to bring to your attention what we perceive to be an acutely disturbing matter with respect to the Survivors of 'Indian'

residential schools in Canada. During the course of my research, I have come across physical and oral evidence of human vivisection on the bodies of Survivors who were once children—considered wards of church and state—at residential schools. Edmund, myself, and other Survivors believe that the children of Canada's 'Indian' residential schools were consciously utilized by Canada, the United Kingdom and/or the United States during the Cold War period for human experimentation. In particular, there is evidence that vivisection on the children was practiced. Vivisection is described as:

1. The action of cutting into or dissecting a living body.
2. The practice of subjecting living animals to cutting operations, especially in order to advance physiological and pathological knowledge.

(in this case, replace 'animals' with First Nations children)

Please note that although we do have physical and oral proof that the children were surgically experimented on while conscious, we are now seeking full disclosure on this issue with the assistance of your office as our Freedom of Information requests with the Department of Justice, Health Canada, and Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada have proven fruitless to date. After pursuing exhaustive searches, we fear that much information has been withheld from the public at Library and Archives Canada. To this end, we are very concerned that justice and veracity continue to be obstructed in this era of Truth and Reconciliation. Should your office have access to, or have the ability to gain access to, any historical records that confirm or allude to human experimentation on the children of Canada's

'Indian' residential schools by Canada, the United Kingdom or the United States, we are asking that this information be made available to both the Canadian and international publics at this particular moment in time.

As you know, for a great number of years Survivors of residential schools have been continually faced with challenges when trying to seek justice for abuses wielded against their small bodies at Canada's residential schools. We anticipate, however, that with your ministerial guidance, justice will now prevail within this great nation of ours. We anticipate a response that shows a willingness to enquire into this very important matter, and look forward to a heightened level of diplomacy from your office.

Respectfully,

Susan G. Enberg

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