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Dear [Name],

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the upcoming activities related to Canada’s Development of Critical Minerals Study.

Canada's critical mineral strategy, designed to accelerate the production of minerals essential for existing and emerging technologies, presents significant risks for First Nations. The expansion of exploration activities and mining on or near First Nation territories heightens the likelihood of intrusive or disruptive resource roads, water contamination, deforestation, habitat fragmentation, and biodiversity loss. These risks directly threaten the health, food security, and cultural continuity of First Nations.

It is imperative that Canada’s approach to critical minerals be grounded in a rights-based approach that fully incorporates and respects the Inherent and Treaty rights of First Nations, re-affirmed in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UN Declaration), ensuring that First Nations’ decision-making authority is recognized, our voices are heard, and our lands and waters are protected. Ensuring First Nation jurisdiction and stewardship is essential to achieving a just and sustainable transition to renewable energy in the face of climate change.

As a Member of Parliament, we urge you to ensure First Nations voices are at the table as all critical minerals activities proceed. Critical mineral exploration and extraction that affects First Nations rights cannot move forward without fully integrating the *United Nations Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*. This is fundamental to the Crown’s constitutional, Treaty, and international obligations and is essential to advancing reconciliation in a respectful way.

Sincerely,

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