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BC Assembly of First Nations
Sent via email

Dear Regional Chief Terry Teegee, and members of the BC Assembly of First Nations,

Thank you for organizing a pledge to ask candidates in the upcoming election to show their support for continued implementation of the Declaration Act, which commits the Province to uphold its obligations under the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People. I'm pleased to sign.

All BC NDP candidates are steadfast in our support for the Declaration Act, as we were when it passed under an NDP provincial government in 2019, in partnership with First Nations. We take our obligations under the Act seriously and look forward to working government-to-government with First Nations and other Indigenous Peoples in a way that supports the vision of each unique community.

We're deeply troubled by the statements and actions of John Rustad and his Conservative candidates about their lack of support for the Declaration Act. This election offers a stark choice to people in BC: we can accept the divisive, backwards path offered by John Rustad, or we can choose to move forward together in partnership.

If elected, I would look forward to working with you, and am determined to do this in a good way.

Sincerely,



David Eby