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snpink'tn Indian Band Condemns MLA Statement on Indigenous Sovereignty, Demands Immediate Resignation

May 1, 2025 – syilx Nation Territory – The snpink'tn Indian Band of the syilx Nation strongly condemns the recent joint statement by MLAs Tara Armstrong, Jordan Kealy, and Dallas Brodie, which falsely portrays Indigenous sovereignty as a threat to British Columbia's prosperity.

The statement by the MLAs dangerously groups Indigenous self-determination with unrelated political issues such as "CCP influence," "equalization disparities," and "uncontrolled immigration," perpetuating racist narratives and systemic discrimination against Indigenous Peoples.

"Indigenous sovereignty is not a threat—it is the law," said Chief and Council of the snpink'tn Indian Band. "Assertions of Indigenous sovereignty are constitutionally protected rights and affirmed by Canadian and international law."

The snpink'tn Indian Band emphasizes that the MLAs' statement undermines reconciliation, promotes division, and demonstrates systemic racism incompatible with public office. "We call for their immediate resignation," stated Chief and Council. "Real prosperity in British Columbia must include justice and equity for all, not only those benefiting from colonial structures."

The snpink'tn Indian Band reaffirms its commitment to upholding its ancestral jurisdiction and responsibilities. The Band urges British Columbians to reject divisive rhetoric and to join in genuine reconciliation and mutual respect.

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