



July 24, 2020

Dear Premier McNeil and Mr. Speaker,

I am writing to you today with grave concerns about the approach that your government is taking towards the mass shootings of April 18-19, and to demand a restart of our democratic processes by reconvening the Legislature so that our caucus may put forward a bill to establish a full, independent public inquiry.

People across the country, community organizations, experts, the public in general, and most importantly the families who lost loved ones in the mass shootings of April 18-19, are looking to your government to find answers about what led to those terrible days. They are rightfully confounded at the decision to do anything short of a full public inquiry.

The Independent Review Panel that your government has convened falls so far short of what is deserved. A public inquiry would compel the testimony of witnesses under oath, and ensure that answers are reached in a public and accountable manner.

The government has the power to call an emergency sitting of the legislature with limited notice if they believe it is in the public interest. We are calling on you to take this action so that our caucus may introduce a bill to establish a full public inquiry, and thereby give this matter the full consideration that it so rightfully called for.

April 18 and 19, 2020 are among the darkest days that have been visited on our country. I am asking you to recognize and respect this fact with the commensurate response and allow for the initiation of a full-fledged, public inquiry.

Sincerely,

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