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Ms. Candice Lammers, B.A. Honours
Funding Development/Communications
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Dear Ms. Lammers:

The Safe Drinking Water Foundation (SDWF) has educated First Nations people on the need to assess their water quality properly by providing them with access to knowledge, and resources. First Nations need reliable information such as that from the SDWF regarding effective treatment processes for their water, demands for appropriate regulations with sufficient funding for First Nations to build capacity to meet the regulations, and an independent regulatory body to enforce these regulations.

The Assembly of First Nations supports SDWF's proposal to access funding to begin to develop a Community Framework for Safe Drinking Water. The projects objectives of providing community leaders, operators, and engineers, with recommendations and checklists, and options for treatment processes, will provide First Nation leaders with the guidance they need for the standard of care required to design truly appropriate treatment systems for our communities.

We understand that this service will become a self sustainable initiative in the future and would be on a cost recovery basis. To this extent, we qualify our support in that it does not take away from the First Nation's current technical service providers such as Tribal Council's and Regional Technical organizations. In fact, we recommend that these organizations be engaged in this process.

Wishing you success in your proposal.

Sincerely,

Richard Jock,
Chief Executive Officer

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