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Blackfoot Confederacy Condemns the Government of Alberta's Opposition to First Nations' Right to Safe Drinking Water

CALGARY, AB - Yesterday Alberta's Minister of Environment, Rebecca Schulz, issued a press release calling on the federal government to scrap "all federal policies and legislation that undermine competitiveness, delay project development...." Alberta's press release specifically insisted that Canada not reintroduce Bill C-61 – the *First Nations Clean Water Act*. Kainai, Siksika, and Piikani Nations of the Blackfoot Confederacy are outraged at the Government of Alberta's morally bankrupt opposition to the rights of First Nations to access safe and sufficient water supplies.

The *First Nations Clean Water Act* poses absolutely no barriers to competitiveness or development. In fact, the Act would confirm the human right of First Nations to safe drinking water, a right to sufficient water supplies, and a right to govern water on reserve lands. The Government of Alberta's motives are unknown, but what is not in doubt is that Premier Smith's government opposes First Nations' rights to safe and sufficient water supplies – which is utterly reprehensible.

The Blackfoot Nations remind the Prime Minister of his commitment in the throne speech: "The Government will be a reliable partner to Indigenous Peoples, upholding its fundamental commitment to advancing reconciliation." Failing to reintroduce the *First Nations Clean Water Act* would be a profound and intentional act against the human rights of First Nations and fundamentally inconsistent with the Prime Minister's stated commitment to reconciliation. We call on the Prime Minister to confirm that the *First Nations Clean Water Act* will be reintroduced as soon as possible.

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