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### **BCAFN REGIONAL CHIEF SUPPORTS MP JODY WILSON-RAYBOULD**

**(Lheidli T'enneh Territory, Prince George, BC – Feb. 12, 2019)** – The BC Assembly of First Nations (BCAFN) Regional Chief Terry Teegee supports MP Jody Wilson-Raybould's decision to resign from the federal Liberal cabinet as the Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defense. The loss of an integral and powerful member of government signals serious upheaval in the Canadian government's Liberal party, and moreover the Prime Minister's Office, with potentially unethical business influences.

"I have immense admiration and respect for Ms. Jody Wilson-Raybould and I have full confidence in her strength of character and integrity. Her past actions and commitments to First Nations, and all Canadians, are driven by her work and ethical standards despite reported efforts by some members of the federal government, including staff, to sabotage her professional and personal character. I have no doubt we will see Ms. Wilson-Raybould overcome this temporary setback in federal Liberal politics," states Regional Chief Terry Teegee.

First Nations in Canada were exalted to finally see a First Nations woman deservedly placed in a high position within the federal government. It is deeply disappointing that political currents and influences have forced her out of this position. However, Ms. Wilson-Raybould's future in Canadian politics will surely continue far into the future.

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