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Re: Public Interest Law Centre (PILC)

Dear Council Members

I write to add the voice of Community Living Manitoba to those expressing concern over your pending decision regarding PILCs' future with Legal Aid Manitoba. We hope you will consider carefully the points raised in the Social Planning Council's letter of May 25th, 2020.

The loss of PILC or any compromising of their capacity would be an enormous loss in these times that highlight new and complex human rights issues on what seems like a daily basis. PILC is an irreplaceable resource to the pursuit of human rights issues arising out of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls Report and the enormous challenges raised by the Black Lives Matter movement. And all in the context of the injustices highlighted by COVID-19.

Speaking from the perspective of those individuals Community Living Manitoba does its best to assist, those living with an intellectual disability, PILC is a needed and powerful ally in our struggle for justice for them. Based on discussion with our colleagues in the disability community I would suggest this is a universally held conviction.

We respectfully ask that the Management Council do everything in its power to ensure that PILC be allowed to continue to speak out for, and assist in, the enhancement of these rights. Changes of the kind that have been suggested have no need and run the risk of endangering the great successes that PILC has won with the model currently in place.

Yours truly,



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