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To: Allan Fineblit, alfin@legalaid.mb.ca

RE: Legal Aid Meeting on September 15, 2020

Hi Allan, thanks for getting back to me. The Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre is one of the signatories to the SPCW letter which outlines our shared concern for the PILC being removed from Legal Aid Manitoba.

I worry about how this decision is being made with little or no community voice that has first hand experience operating non-profits in this current climate. I have led and been part of many not-for-profits in Manitoba for over 30-years and I would not recommend a vital service such as the PILC to our community becoming another non-profit now or ever. Many of my reasons are outlined in our joint letter.

While I can appreciate this meeting is not public, I would like to request an opportunity for the community to be meaningfully engaged in problem solving the issues that put PILC as an option to separate from Legal Aid Manitoba in the first place. Let the not-for-profit experts give direction, advice and guidance to this current situation and prevent all of us from watching it sink or swim in the already highly insecure not-for-profit environment.

Hoping to discuss this in more detail. Thank you!

**Diane Redsky,**  
*Executive Director*

*I acknowledge the traditional territory of Treaty #1 and Homeland of the Metis Nation that I have the privilege of living on. I also acknowledge Treaty #3 traditional territory of my ancestors and Shoal Lake First Nation #40 which is primary water source for Winnipeg and continues to have a boil water advisory.*

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