

Written Submission for the
Pre-Budget Consultations in
Advance of the Upcoming
Federal Budget

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List of Recommendations:

- Recommendation 1: That the government provide funding in the amount of \$1 billion to start to begin the implementation of Bill C-92, An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families and the subsequent Protocol Agreement, signed July 7, 2020, between the Government of Canada and the Assembly of First Nations.

Body of Submission

Bill C-92, An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families, came into effect in January 2020. To effectively implement this law funding is required. In order to transition Indigenous children from provincial foster care to care within First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities federal government funding is needed.

According to Assembly of First Nations Chief Perry Bellegarde, during the Protocol Agreement signing on July 7, 2020, approximately 40,000 Indigenous children are in provincial foster care. Transitioning these children to care within their communities must be a priority of the federal government to continue along the path of truth and reconciliation. These 40,000 children will be working and contributing adults in this country in 10-20 years. They must have the right to grow and learn in their own communities in preparation for an adult life in Canada. These children must be given the best opportunities now.

Indigenous Services Minister Marc Miller said at the Protocol Agreement signing that funding to implement Bill C-92 must come in the form of a budgetary ask. Minister Miller said he requested funding.

As an engaged and concerned citizen I am adding my voice in requesting funding for the implementation of Bill C-92.