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Greetings,

My name is Brenda Sayers from the Hupacasath First Nation located on Vancouver Island in B.C. I hold the portfolio for the Canada China Foreign Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement (FIPA) court challenge.

The Canada China FIPA was negotiated in secret between the Federal government and the People's Republic of China. If ratified, China's companies can sue Canada for anything that puts our choices as Canadians above their ability to make a profit. It will override current environmental concerns, First Nations rights, labour and human rights and is binding for 31yrs. Our court challenge has held up the ratification of FIPA for the past year and we have done it with the help of many.

On October 26, 2013, I had the privilege of speaking at the "Elements of Justice Intergenerational Gathering" in Brackendale, B.C. At that time, our community was struggling with a significant decision regarding our court challenge. It was for that reason I asked the people present to say prayers for our community. I can say with absolute certainty the prayers they offered made way for Hupacasath to carry on to the Court of Appeal.

We would like to send a message of deepest gratitude to those in attendance and to those who were not present but keep us in their prayers. In this fight for justice, the Creator has walked in front of us to clear our way, held us when we felt defeated, and caused the right people to emerge at precisely the right moment. People say it is a miracle that we have made it this far.

Hupacasath would again like to ask you for your help. We have said from the beginning, we cannot do this alone. This is a fight for all of Canada. Hupacasath continues to be in need of your prayers, but we also would like to ask congregations across the country to donate to our substantial legal costs. At this critical time, even a hundred dollars from a congregation willing to fundraise would support this important work.

Thank you Kairos for standing beside Hupacasath. Together we will move forward to the Court of Appeal and if it is God's will, on to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Sincerely,

Brenda Savers.

Portfolio Holder of the Canada China FIPA Court Challenge

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