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Dear Class Counsel:

RE: FIRST NATIONS/INUIT 60S SCOOP CLASS ACTION

I write once again on behalf of the board of the *60s Scoop Legacy of Canada* and on behalf of some of the class in the federal First Nations and Inuit Sixties Scoop class action - file number noted above.

As you know, many survivors/adoptees have expressed their frustration and disappointment to the Legacy group regarding the claims process to date. We have advocated successfully for interim payments, regular and more detailed communications to the class, and for additional help for Collectiva's call centre. We thank you for hearing us about the need to complete this painful and retraumatizing process for survivors and our families. We would like to reiterate that survivors/claimants are aging and some are unwell; many have described this claim as triggering, and despite our many requests, we have been without healing supports or resources.

While many claimants have received their interim payments, thousands of applications remain undetermined as a result of the hold placed on deadlines to report additional information. While we understand this was necessary due to the COVID-19 crisis, many claimants have expressed the need to lift the hold and reinstate deadlines for those needing to submit additional information.

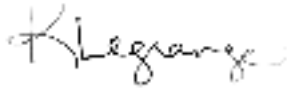
Therefore we are recommending that:

- A. A reminder letter and email are sent immediately to those claimants needing to submit additional information;
- B. The government of Canada provide additional funding or resources to provincial post adoption/foster care/archives offices in order to verify applications;
- C. Reinstate a deadline for Collectiva to report a final number of eligible claims to Canada of May 31, 2021 without further delay;
- D. For Collectiva and the Reconsiderations Officer to create a simplified appeal form and process, set a 30-day review deadline of each appeal, as well as set aside potential interim payments for those claimants who submit an appeal;
- E. Issue the collected interest (as of May 31, 2021 divided equally by total eligible claims) to approved claimants together with a potential final payment;
- F. Issue final payments - if any - no later than 90 days from May 31, 2021 to all eligible claimants.

We send these recommendations in the hope that you will appeal to all parties the need to complete this distressing and lengthy settlement process that has seen many delays and deficiencies following the October 2017 announcement.

I remain available to attend a case conference by phone with all parties. As always, I can be reached at 250-618-7158.

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Katherine Legrange
Director, *60s Scoop Legacy of Canada*

cc: Minister Carolyn Bennett, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs
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