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The Honourable Bernard Valcourt, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Minister,

RE: SHOAL LAKE #40 FIRST NATION

On behalf of Winnipeg's municipal workers, I am writing to you to implore the federal government to commit to pay one-third of the funding required to build Shoal Lake #40's all-weather "Freedom Road".

It is our opinion that it is unjust that the people who live in the community that sources Winnipeg's public water have been under a boil water advisory for 17 years, and are often cut-off entirely from accessing clean water and basic public services and support.

As the workers who deliver this water to Winnipeggers, we feel that clean, public water should also be available to those who source it. Water is a basic human right, and it is unacceptable that this community should be denied this right.

We applaud the City of Winnipeg and the Province of Manitoba for committing to helping to build an all-weather road to Shoal Lake #40 to allow this community access to public services such as health care, and we turn to you to implore your government to take similar action as soon as possible.

We echo the demands of this community, as well as other civil society groups including the Council of Canadians and countless faith-based groups, and expect that you will be taking action on this issue immediately.

Yours sincerely,



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President of CUPE Local 500



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President of CUPE Manitoba

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cc: Greg Selinger, Premier of Manitoba
Brian Bowman, Mayor of Winnipeg