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Chief Jasen S. Benwah
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Dear Chief Benwah:

Thank you for your letter of August 15, 2007, and your kind words of congratulations on my recent appointment as Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians.

It is with great pleasure that I assume this important responsibility, and I look forward to working with my colleagues and all Canadians in dealing with and responding to the fundamental issues faced by all Aboriginal peoples in Canada while at the same time recognizing the unique circumstances of First Nations, Inuit and Métis.

Again, thank you for your kind words.

Sincerely,

Chuck Strahl

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