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Attention: Julia Douglas - Committee Clerk

Let me introduce myself; I am a mature part-time Prospector and Earth Resources Tech. trained in Ontario and I have worked in my Profession across Canada for over 30 years.

I've paid my dues over outcrop & muskeg..

I am a Canadian born on this soil; this is also my Traditional Land and Territory. I submit this email with dignity and respect, these are my Independent thoughts. I have written the Premier and Minister Rickford earlier in 2019.

The new digital system of mineral claim land acquisition (MLAS) has forced an unfair financial and bureaucratic burden on Grass-roots Prospectors in Ontario and empowered Corporations, Aboriginal communities and organizations who have received the red carpet treatment, and individuals with deep pockets who don't have to walk the ground. You must discover the showing with "boots on the ground" and a lot of hard work and resilience.

Access to Crown Land is the right of all Canadians and should not require permission but notification from the Ministry would suffice for early low impact exploration.

Indigenous communities and business entities now receive ~50% of Mining Royalties and stumpage fees in Ontario + a % of OLG Profits. Hydro 1 deals, IBA's from private companies, FedNor funding, Participation and New Relationship funding, special workshops and training, exclusive deals with the Federal Liberal Government (eg. Centre of Excellence for Indigenous Mineral Development set-up at the Willet Green Miller Center, how convenient), PDAC red carpet treatment etc.

Where's the transparency and full accountability of all funding from all levels of Government going to Indigenous Communities and Organizations?

Where's the funding and compensation for Hard working mature Prospectors and Techs. who have contributed greatly to the Provincial geological database and the discovery of new economic mineral deposits in Ontario? The promised resurrection of Federal Bill C262 and Provincial Bill 76 (S. Mamakwa) is of great concern; essentially a Veto on all resource projects and an attack on the "Supremacy of Parliament".

Respectfully,

Michael E. Glenfield, Earth Resources Technician & Prospector, Ontario, Canada January 23, 2020.