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To whom it may concern:

My wife XXXXXXXXXXXX and I purchased a beach-front home at West Ipperwash Beach in February 1986, intending to retire there at sometime in the early 90's. We were assured that the transaction was legal and fair.

I retired from teaching in June 1991. XXXXXXXXXXXX continued to work until she was diagnosed with stomach cancer in January 1992. We made our house at West Ipperwash Beach our principal residence during the summer of 1992. We were served with papers for the land claim of the Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point in December. XXXXXXXXXXXX died in April 1995. I feel her death was hastened due to the stress brought about by the Indians' Land Claim.

Since April 1995, we, at West Ipperwash, have been subjected to the effects of several more incidents other than the Land Claim. For example:

- (a) The finding of Judge Kelleen, in our favour, and then to have to undergo the mental stress and financial strain of at least one appeal.
- (b) The forceful occupation of Camp Ipperwash on July 29, 1995, and the resulting departure of the military did nothing to enhance my feeling of security.
- (c) The forceful occupation of Ipperwash Provincial Park and the following violence, road closures, and evacuation, raised my anxiety to such a level that I was forced to consult my doctor concerning high blood pressure.
- (d) The constant harassment of local residents, rumours of local residents, rumours of vigilante-like reaction, break-ins of area homes, stories of police reluctance or refusal to enforce the law equally, all have elevated my nervousness, anger and frustration.

If the above examples were not enough, I must now face the economic reality my property has no value and I have no way of recouping any part of my investment. I worked for thirty-four years, paid my taxes, abided by the law, raised a loving family and now face losing everything.

My neighbours and I have been abandoned by government at all levels – municipal (although they at least seem to be aware) – provincial (policing, real estate registration) and federally (every time Irwin opens his mouth he gives the Indians something).

I don't know where to turn to have my concerns addressed – no one wants to accept any responsibility for anything.

Please help!

Sincerely,

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