



January 12, 2008

**To Joan Beatty, Dion Appointed Candidate for the Liberal Party of Canada
Desnethe-Missinippi-Churchill River Riding**

On Saturday, January 12, 2008 approximately one hundred and eighty people attended a meeting in Prince Albert. Most in attendance were concerned Desnethe-Missinippi-Churchill Constituents. Several came to observe, some expressed their opinions. Many of these constituents traveled great distances, at their own expense.

The general consensus at the meeting is that the democratic process for selecting a candidate must be followed. Constituents are tired of being told "What is best for them". Aboriginal people, in particular First Nations, have been encouraged to participate in the political process, to vote, to be involved. Then, they are told who they have to vote for. That is not democracy.

This meeting was not about you, Dorion or Orchard but rather the lack of respect towards a democratic process. This meeting was not a personal attack against your person. You had a lot of supporters at the meeting. Aboriginal people are the majority here and they feel slighted. The constituents just want a nomination process. Hundreds of memberships have been sold and two other potential candidates are left with huge expenses, all for not.

An interim Executive has been established with instructions to call for a General Constituency Meeting. The immediate directive that we received is two-fold:

- (a) That Stephane Dion rescind the appointment of Joan Beatty as the Candidate for the Desnethe-Missinippi-Churchill River Riding; and
- (b) That you Joan Beatty resign from the appointment to be Federal Liberal Candidate and, furthermore, you are welcome to file for nomination papers so due process can prevail.

The Constituents want a Leader that will work with them keeping in mind, "The Duty to Consult", should be paramount before decisions are made that affect any constituency. Your attention on this extremely important issue would be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

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Interim Chairperson