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MP Julie Dzerowicz's Reply to Letters on Long-term Drinking Water Advisories

Davenport Neighbours and Friends,

I have received numerous letters from Davenport residents lately calling on our federal government to end long-term drinking water advisories on First Nations as quickly as possible. As your letters point out, our federal Liberal government committed in 2015 to eliminate all long-term advisories on reserves by March 2021, an ambitious goal for an unacceptable situation that has existed for decades. Everyone in Canada deserves access to safe, clean drinking water, and from the beginning we have pledged to do everything we can to end long-term water advisories in First Nations.

In partnership with First Nations communities, we have lifted 106 long-term drinking advisories since 2015, and we have 52 to go. The Minister of Indigenous Services, the Honourable Marc Miller, has also explained why we have not been able to meet our original March 2021 target. COVID-19 has posed significant challenges to the logistics of setting up facilities in certain remote communities. Our government's [decisive and significant response to COVID-19 in Indigenous communities](#) demonstrates our ongoing commitment to giving Indigenous Peoples the resources they need to keep their members safe and healthy. While the virus has delayed some water infrastructure projects, work continues as fast as possible.

Minister Miller reaffirmed our commitment to end every single long-term drinking water advisory, and to provide stable and predictable operations and maintenance funding so that First Nations are better able to prevent long-term drinking water advisories. In Federal Budget 2021, we have allocated an additional \$18B dollars to eliminate the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous infrastructure, and a significant percentage is committed to ending the remaining advisories and other infrastructure work that is much needed. [To read more, click here.](#)

While 52 long-term advisories remain in 33 communities, each and every single one has an action plan and a project team dedicated to lifting it. [You can find up-to-date information on each community's progress here.](#)

My very best,

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