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# STATEMENT

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## **BCAFN REGIONAL CHIEF TERRY TEEGEE STATEMENT ON REMOVAL OF MS. JODY WILSON-RAYBOULD AND DR. JANE PHILPOTT FROM LIBERAL CAUCUS**

*(Lheidli T'enneh Territory, Prince George, BC – Apr. 3, 2019)* – BC Assembly of First Nations Regional Chief Terry Teegee released the following statement upon the serious upheaval in federal Liberal politics today with the removal of Ms. Jody Wilson-Raybould and Dr. Jane Philpott from caucus:

“I am outraged at the heavy-handed and unjust decision made by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to remove these two respected and honourable women from the Liberal caucus today. This action reveals the deeply flawed and dishonest intent behind his previously stated ‘respect for Indigenous peoples’ and ‘commitment to fundamental change.’ The balance that was being forged within our societies through the process of reconciliation is now threatened.

The Prime Minister’s wrathful decision to punish these women, who were doing their job as Cabinet Ministers, also reveals a loss of commitment to hold up women’s rights. A self-proclaimed feminist, Trudeau’s action contradicts this claim and his priority to honour and respect women has broken down.

I expected more from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau than to revert to the outdated political system we were assured was being left behind, but instead remains steadfast beneath his so-called “sunny ways.”

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