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NAN STATES POSITION ON PROPOSED FEDERAL PRIVATE MEMBERS BILL

THUNDER BAY, ON: Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) Grand Chief Stan Beardy today issued the following statement clarifying NAN's position on Private Members Bill C-575 – *First Nations Financial Transparency Act* introduced by Member of Parliament Kelly Block (Saskatoon-Rosetown-Biggar).

“As Grand Chief of NAN, I support the need for accountability and transparency between our First Nation communities and our membership. This is why NAN distributes its financial audit annually. We do not however, support unilateral legislation by the Government of Canada particularly when, in this case, it will only increase the reporting burden on our communities. Rather, there should be a targeted approach toward mutual accountability between governments and citizens – and one that supports strong First Nation governments,” said NAN Grand Chief Stan Beardy.

Nishnawbe Aski Nation is a political territorial organization representing 49 First Nation communities in James Bay Treaty 9 and Ontario portions of Treaty 5 – an area covering two thirds of the province of Ontario.

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