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Niit, hello!

The Aboriginal Housing Management Association is a grassroots organization made up of 41 members that are Indigenous Housing and Service providers. Our members represent over 8,000 Indigenous families living in urban, rural and northern regions of British Columbia. Created by Indigenous Peoples, AHMA is Canada's FIRST Indigenous Housing Authority.

We enclose AHMA's Provincial Urban, Rural, and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy with this letter, which outlines our long-term vision to provide culturally safe, secure, and affordable housing to Indigenous Peoples in British Columbia. This historic strategy is a powerful step forward in claiming and protecting all Indigenous Peoples' social, economic, and Indigenous housing rights.

After a year of in-depth consultation with Indigenous organizations, community members, and housing & service providers, the strategy was developed. An Indigenous Advisory Council guided the process, providing expert advice and traditional Indigenous knowledge to ensure the strategy responds adequately to the unique needs of Indigenous Peoples.

We invite our members, partners, extended Indigenous communities, and municipalities to stand with us and endorse our strategy. AHMA's goal is for every Indigenous community to access and reclaim their inherent rights to housing. AHMA respects that each community is vibrantly unique, and each endorsement connects us by collectively acknowledging the importance of Indigenous community-led housing. Visit our website to find out more about endorsement – http://www.ahma-bc.org/how-to-support.

If you have any questions about AHMA's strategy, please don't hesitate to reach out. I look forward to connecting with you soon.

Toyuxsuut nuun, Thank you!

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