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**The Iroquois Caucus sends condolences to the loved ones of
the Honourable Murray Sinclair**

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The Iroquois Caucus is deeply saddened by the passing of the Honourable Murray Sinclair. Murray has been one of the greatest First Nations advocates and his dedication to righting the injustices of Indigenous Peoples will be felt world-wide for generations to come.

Murray, a member of Peguis First Nation, was called to the Manitoba Bar in 1980, primarily practicing Civil and Criminal Litigation and Indigenous Law. He contributed to uplifting and protecting First Nations rights by leading numerous land claim settlements, legislative changes and funding negotiations. Murray made history as the first Indigenous judge in Manitoba and the second in Canada.

In 2009, Murray was appointed as the chairperson of the Indian Residential Schools Truth and Reconciliation Commission. During his tenure as the Chairperson, he advocated for decision-making processes that reflected First Nations values and protecting the dignity of residential school survivors.

“Justice Sinclair has been a leader in truth-telling. His advocacy and investment concerning the treatment of First Nations in the residential school system has been a continual reminder that, while truth-telling can be difficult, it is a necessary step toward reconciliation.” – Grand Chief Victor Bonspille (Mohawk Council of Kanasatake).

The Iroquois Caucus sends condolences to the Sinclair family, friends and community, and gratitude for sharing him with us all. Murray was a source of inspiration to push boundaries, work toward reconciliation and heal from the injustices of colonialism. In his likeness, we will continue to uphold his pursuit of justice reform, protection of Indigenous rights and determination to be who we were intended to be.

The Iroquois Caucus (IC) is the collaboration of the Elected Councils within the Haudenosaunee communities located in Quebec and Ontario. The IC advocates for the protection and enhancement of rights, language, culture, lands, environment and resources for the benefit of our people.

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