



Friday, July 2, 2021

Hon. Brian Pallister  
Premier of Manitoba  
Room 204 Legislative Building  
450 Broadway  
Winnipeg, MB R3C 0V8

Dear Premier Pallister,

We are writing to express our shock and dismay regarding the acts of vandalism at the Manitoba Legislature on July 1, 2021. The Manitoba Conservative Members of Parliament condemn the destruction of public property on the Legislative grounds in the strongest possible terms. We acknowledge that the small number of individuals who perpetrated these acts are not representative of the thousands of Canadians who exercised their right to attend a peaceful protest.

Vandalism at the Legislature and the burning of places of worship in provinces across Canada are criminal acts contrary to reconciliation. We agree Manitoba's elected officials have a responsibility to condemn these violent acts that jeopardize public safety and endanger reconciliation.

As a province, we are committed to resolving our differences through lawful democratic debate, not vandalism. We cannot allow a small number of individuals to subvert our democracy or erode our democratic institutions. Therefore, we respectfully request that the statues of Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II be repaired and restored to the Legislative grounds as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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Brandon–Souris  
Chair of the Manitoba Conservative Caucus

Honourable Candice Bergen, PC, MP  
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