



Saugeen First Nation #29

To: Saugeen First Nation Membership

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Re: IMPORTANT INFORMATION IF TRAVELLING TO UNITED STATES

Attention Saugeen First Nation Members,

We have received valuable and important information from the Jay Treaty Border Alliance (JTBA) regarding the current situation in the United States. We suggest exercising caution when travelling to the United States.

If you were born in Canada (Jay Treaty Entrants)

- **You have lawful status under Section 289 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. §1359).** You are legally authorized to visit, live and work in the United States.
- **Your proof of lawful status:**
 - Saugeen First Nation #29 letter confirming at least 50% American Indian blood quantum (only for obtaining green card to reside or work)
 - Secure Certificate of Indian Status (SCIS) card with two (2) bar codes on the back
 - Long-form birth certificate
 - Form I-181 or I-551 (green card) if you have one
 - Government-issued photo ID (such as drivers license, passport, nexus card, provincial photo card)

Keep copies of these documents with you at all times.

If you were born in the United States:

- **You are a United States citizen.** ICE has no jurisdiction over citizens on immigration matters. However, ICE has targeted Tribal citizens, so it's important to know your rights and have proper documentation.
- **Your proof of citizenship:**
 - Tribal ID (valid legal identification)
 - State-issued ID or driver's license
 - U.S. passport

Keep copies of these documents with you at all times.

In Unity,

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