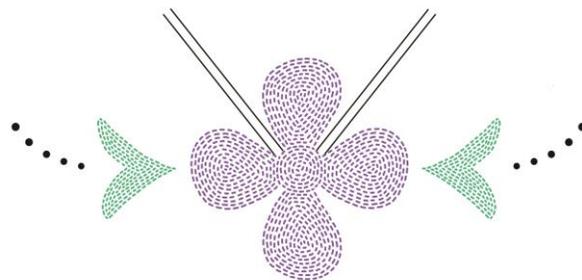


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2 --- Upon commencing on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at 10:18  
3 a.m.

4 **MS. TIAR WILSON:** Good morning, everybody.  
5 It's 10:18 a.m. on Wednesday, October 3rd, 2018. This is  
6 Tiar Wilson, and I have the honour of sitting in today with  
7 one of my colleagues who will be -- who will introduce  
8 herself. She -- she's giving her statement today as well  
9 as beside me is Commissioner Robinson, but I'll get  
10 everybody to introduce themselves. So I'll start with you,  
11 Qajaq.

12 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Do I talk into  
13 something or just talk?

14 **MS. TIAR WILSON:** Just -- just talk out.

15 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Okay. Qajaq  
16 Robinson. I'm so honoured to be here to receive your truth  
17 and for you to have asked me to be here. Thank you.  
18 *Bonjour.*

19 **MS. MARY CRATE:** Mary Crate. (Speaking in  
20 Objibway). *Miigwetch* (speaking in Ojibway) that you asked  
21 me to sit with you. I honour you as a woman, from a  
22 grandmother.

23 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Thank you.

24 **MS. AUDREY SIEGL:** (Speaking in Halkomelem).  
25 My name is Audrey Siegl. I am from Musqueam and also

1           honoured to be here, love you, support you. Share whatever  
2           it is that you need to.

3                       **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Thank you. My name is  
4           Terriea Harris. My legal last name is Wadud, but it's also  
5           my adopted last name, so I don't really connect with that.  
6           My spirit name is *Chuta nunpa wambli wyan* (ph), which in  
7           the Dakota language means Two-Hearted Eagle Woman. My  
8           ancestors are Dakota, Aborigine, and Colombian, and I was  
9           born in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

10                      **MR. TIM ELIJAH:** (Speaking in Native  
11           language). My name is *Sonyawa* (ph). My English name is  
12           Tim Elijah. I'm Terriea's partner. Just want to say it's  
13           good to be here.

14                      **MS. BERNIE WILLIAMS:** I just want to say  
15           *haw'aa*. My name is *Gul-Giit-Jaad*. I'm from Haida Gwaii,  
16           and *haw'aa*, Terriea, for inviting and trusting me to be  
17           here with you. I really, really truly love you, and I'm  
18           very proud of you. All my love for you.

19                      **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Thank you.

20                      **MS. TIAR WILSON:** So as you know, as a  
21           statement gatherer yourself, this -- this is your time.  
22           This is your space. We will start wherever you want, we'll  
23           be here as long as you need, and today's different, as  
24           well, as we have the honour of having Qajaq here. We know  
25           you've asked her to hear your statement. So with that

1       said, I'll just give it to both you and Qajaq, and I'll be  
2       here for your support.

3                   **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Thank you. So first, I  
4       just want to say thank you for all that was done to make  
5       this happen, for Qajaq and for each and every one of you  
6       for being here because I -- because of my trauma, my  
7       childhood, I really have this belief that I don't matter,  
8       so thank you. Thank you all for being here and affirming  
9       that I do matter.

10                   And I guess I'll start at the very  
11       beginning, which was being in my birth-mother's womb. My  
12       birth mother at the time was drinking and using drugs and  
13       in an abusive relationship with an Italian man who wasn't  
14       my father, but she was in a relationship with him.  
15       Apparently he had affiliations with the Mafia in Toronto,  
16       and -- so there was a lot of drug use and abuse, and -- I  
17       was with her for about two years, and he was quite involved  
18       with crime, and she, you know, by association had -- was  
19       also involved in crime.

20                   So there was a big raid when I was about 2  
21       years old, and I've learned this information later in life,  
22       where they were both arrested for drugs and whatever else,  
23       and at that time, me and my brother, who would have been 1,  
24       my brother [Brother] were placed into the foster care  
25       system. I am not exactly sure how long my mother spent in

1 jail, but we were in a series of foster homes during that  
2 time, and she met my adoptive mother at an organization in  
3 Toronto called the Elizabeth Fry Society, and my  
4 understanding from my birth mother -- and her name is  
5 [Mother] -- is that she would go visit us in these foster  
6 homes when she got out, and she -- we just weren't being  
7 cared for, so she was really angry about that, and this  
8 relationship that she had with my adopted mother, I guess  
9 she was her support worker, and she was really, like, angry  
10 and emphasizing, you know, my kids are not being taken care  
11 of in the foster care system, and -- and I want them back,  
12 or we need to do something about this. But Children's Aid  
13 Society in Toronto had identified that she was not fit, not  
14 stable. She had just got out of prison.

15 So somehow they formed some interesting  
16 relationship that crossed ethical boundaries, and there's  
17 still missing pieces with that, but somehow there was an  
18 agreement by [Adoptive mother] and [Mother] -- so [Adoptive  
19 mother] is my adopted mother, [Mother] my birth  
20 mother -- that [Adoptive mother] would take us for a while  
21 until we became -- until she became stable again, but that  
22 didn't happen. [Adoptive mother]'s intention, because she  
23 didn't have -- she wasn't able to have children, which is  
24 also what I learned later -- was to adopt us, and it's also  
25 my understanding that their relationship became -- I guess

1 the more my mother started understanding that the attention  
2 wasn't to have us return to her, they had a very volatile  
3 relationship.

4 I need some water. Thanks.

5 So [Adoptive mother] was basically going  
6 behind [Mother]'s back and had filed for -- to adopt us and  
7 was trying to adopt us before the age of 7, so before my  
8 7th birthday -- because it's my understanding that in  
9 Ontario, after the age of 7 at that time in the '80s, you  
10 have to disclose to the child that they were adopted, and  
11 [Adoptive mother] didn't want to do that. So we were  
12 adopted, and I have vague memories of my birth mother  
13 during that time, and my -- my memories are almost as if  
14 she was, like, the babysitter. Yeah.

15 So we were adopted, and my -- [Adoptive  
16 mother], she -- it's my feeling that she just didn't like  
17 me. She -- she treated my brother quite well, and I don't  
18 know why that is, but I think it's because he was a boy,  
19 and I also believe from what I've learned and my healing  
20 and my growth that I reminded her of [Mother] somehow, and  
21 my mother -- my birth mother is a very gifted woman. She's  
22 a -- a medicine woman, she's a healer, and I think that she  
23 seen things in me that she wanted to, like, beat out of me,  
24 you know?

25 So I guess the best way I can describe it is

1 I -- I spent most nights praying -- because she was really  
2 old, like, in my perception as a child, so I'd spend most  
3 nights praying that she would die, you know, which is just,  
4 like, almost unimaginable for a child to want to cause  
5 harm, but she was -- she was very abusive. I wasn't  
6 included in anything. If they were, like, having a nice  
7 dinner, I would be left out of it. If -- as I got older  
8 especially, she would -- if they were going out somewhere,  
9 I'd be left home and I'd be given chores to do, and I tried  
10 really hard, I don't know, to be good, I guess. I guess I  
11 just thought I was bad, and I didn't know what I was doing  
12 wrong and why my brother was being treated the way he was,  
13 so I was -- I was really good at school. I was a -- an  
14 excellent athlete. I -- I'd do -- I'd enter all of these  
15 contests and I'd win them. I remember once I did this  
16 colouring contest, and I won a glove signed by Kelly  
17 Gruber, who was part of the Blue Jays in Toronto. I wrote  
18 a letter to the Prime Minister, Brian Mulroney at that  
19 time, and I can't remember what the issue was that I was  
20 upset about, but he wrote me back. It was a pretty generic  
21 letter about -- it's always good to hear from young  
22 Canadians and blah, blah, blah. And it just seemed like it  
23 didn't matter what I did. It was never, ever good enough.

24 So around the age of -- this continued on  
25 until about the age of 11, 12, and one day my brother comes

1 home, and he starts saying -- because I'd help him with his  
2 homework and stuff as best as I could. I was a straight-A  
3 student, and he came home and he said, oh, I got my French  
4 wrong or whatever, you purposely did that or something, and  
5 then he went and he told [Adoptive mother], and I remember  
6 I was in the kitchen, she was in the living room, and I was  
7 super scared, and she calls me into the living room. She's  
8 lying on the couch, and she looks at me and she's like, why  
9 did you give him the wrong answers or whatever -- why did  
10 you intentionally not help him? And I said, that's not  
11 true, I helped him as best as I could. But I -- there was  
12 some fire in me that I had just had enough, so I -- I spoke  
13 back to her, and I stood up and I said, no, that's not  
14 true, I didn't do that. I didn't -- I didn't intentionally  
15 do that, and she got up because she certainly didn't like  
16 that I was raising my voice because I never did that.

17 Oh, so the other part that came out during this  
18 was I always knew that something wasn't right. I always  
19 knew that there's something -- there's -- intuitively, so  
20 I'd go searching through her room, and I had found these  
21 two Bibles interestingly enough that said Terriea  
22 Antoinette (ph) Harris and my brother [Brother], and our  
23 last name was Wadud, who's my adoptive father, and I know I  
24 don't really mention him, but he was south Asian, and  
25 that -- the reason why I don't really mention him is

1 because he was there but he wasn't really there. She was  
2 very dominant in the relationship, and he was very passive  
3 for the most part. The time that he would get aggressive  
4 is when he was driving, so it's like he was there but he  
5 wasn't there, and he never stood up for me. He  
6 never -- yeah, so that's why I don't -- like, I acknowledge  
7 that he was -- he was part of my life then, but -- he was  
8 there but he wasn't there.

9 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** No  
10 relationship.

11 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Yeah. Yeah, exactly.  
12 So -- so I start speaking back to [Adoptive mother], and  
13 she starts really, like -- it had shifted. I mean, she'd  
14 use her fists and stuff before, but she was, like, punching  
15 my face this time, and I was screaming at her, I hate you,  
16 I fucking hate you, I hate you, and I know the truth, I  
17 know that you're not my mother, because I also found these  
18 papers where she was, like, writing letters to God saying,  
19 you know, make sure that [Mother] never comes back, and  
20 apparently she was into, like, voodoo and stuff, too,  
21 and -- like -- like, cursing my birth mother and -- I don't  
22 know, just all kinds of interesting stuff, but I was  
23 screaming I hate you, I hate you, I hate you, and I know  
24 the truth, I know you're not my -- I know you're not my  
25 mother, and -- it was liberating, though. As much as she

1 was hitting me, it was liberating.

2 And so I'm in the washroom, and I was  
3 cleaning up my face, and she comes in and she's like, for  
4 as long as you live, you will regret this; and I looked at  
5 her and I said, no, I won't. So that was the day my  
6 adoptive father finally decided to leave her, and we did  
7 shortly thereafter. He -- he was apparently having an  
8 affair with another woman, anyways, so this just became the  
9 prime opportunity to -- to leave.

10 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** He saw his  
11 exit and go.

12 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Yeah. Yeah. So we  
13 moved to Scarborough and -- with this woman [L], and she  
14 interestingly enough was quite similar to [Adoptive  
15 mother]. It's so funny how these patterns follow, and she  
16 would lock me out of the house if I wasn't home, like,  
17 exactly at a certain time or whatever, so I was left to  
18 roam the streets of Scarborough, and I was about 12 then,  
19 and I had connected with some interesting -- like,  
20 just -- some young people who were having challenges and  
21 struggling themselves and maybe not guiding me in the best  
22 way, and I started believing that -- well, actually,  
23 there's another part.

24 In Grade 5 -- so I had always tried to be  
25 the good student, be a good athlete, all of these other

1 things to -- to gain my mother's affection, and none of  
2 that worked. So in Grade 5, my teacher in front of the  
3 whole class said, you know, we always knew that Terriea was  
4 smart, but darn, isn't she getting pretty, or isn't she  
5 pretty or something, and I was like -- something in me  
6 shifted that day. I was like, okay, maybe this is my meal  
7 ticket. I'm sure not in that -- those exact words,  
8 but -- so then I started really believing that my value and  
9 worth was, you know, externally.

10 And so when I was living in Scarborough and  
11 connecting with these other girls, they were really into  
12 having, like, casual sex, and I had lost my virginity in a  
13 stairwell and was just -- that was the beginning of  
14 this -- I don't know what to call it, but -- just dynamics,  
15 unhealthy dynamics with men.

16 Anyways, this one day after being locked  
17 out, my girlfriend at the time, she said, well, we need to  
18 get into your house because you need to eat and you need to  
19 change your clothes, so -- she was kind of a bad ass.

20 (LAUGHTER)

21 MS. TERRIEA WADUD: She's like, we're going  
22 to get in. So we'd go and we'd try to find different ways  
23 to get into the house, and then she decides to throw some  
24 rocks at the -- and I'm pretty sure I participated in that  
25 with her, for the record.

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(LAUGHTER)

**COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** For the record.

**MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** And she broke through the -- the patio doors. So we got in, and I actually just changed my clothes, and -- and we ate some macaroni and cheese and then left.

At some point I did come back to the house, and my stepmother had called the police and we were charged. I don't remember how they got her, but -- anyways, we must have been hanging out or something. So we were charged. We were put into a --

**COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** You were charged for breaking into your own house?

**MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Yes. So -- yeah. B and E, charged with break-and-enter and theft and placed into a youth detention centre.

So anyways, in court, you know, they had decided -- well, they're trying to figure out, well, you know, where are we going to put her? She can't -- it doesn't seem like it's a safe -- whatever their reasoning was -- a safe place for her to go back to her father and stepmother. So they had decided to place me into Children's Aid again.

But the judge -- you know, I had gone to

1 court a few times, and the judge -- and she was really,  
2 like, wanting me to pay for what I did, and he addressed  
3 her and myself and said, you know what, it was your  
4 responsibility to care for her, you know, so as far as I'm  
5 concerned, she's the victim; and that was a very powerful  
6 moment for me just to be acknowledged.

7 But anyways, I was then placed into the care  
8 of Children's Aid Society in Toronto, and my social worker  
9 was a male. His name was [T.C.] (ph), a white male. I  
10 remember that he just had no fucking clue what he was  
11 doing; like, literally none. He had no idea of how to  
12 interact or connect with a young -- I think then, I was  
13 probably 12, 13, like, just turning 13-year-old girl. Just  
14 no fucking clue. And I was placed into a group home, I  
15 believe Henwoods, it's called Henwoods in Oshawa, and the  
16 group home experience is -- you know, you put -- it was  
17 nine girls in one home, and you have nine girls with lots  
18 of anger and sadness and trauma and, you know, this  
19 inability to verbalize it and express ourselves in a  
20 healthy way, and so there was, like, a lot of fighting;  
21 like, a lot of fighting, a lot of chaos, a lot of  
22 dysfunction. We would get -- not necessarily me, but there  
23 was girls -- like, I'd be sleeping, and you'd hear them  
24 screaming because they're getting restrained, you know, and  
25 then the police would come at all hours of the night and

1       then take some of the girls who were acting out to the  
2       psychiatric ward, you know, and -- I just -- it -- it  
3       was -- you come from chaos and dysfunction, and you  
4       just -- you're placed into a home that is just a complete  
5       representation of that same chaos and dysfunction, and the  
6       staff -- like, for the most part, there was a lot of them  
7       who just didn't know what they were doing. Like, they  
8       just -- they didn't know how to connect with girls who had  
9       been through trauma, you know? There was one staff, Anne  
10      (ph), who I -- who I and all the other girls really loved  
11      and connected with, and it's because she was real and  
12      authentic with us, you know? Like, she didn't try to,  
13      like, have this mask of authority, you know? Like, she was  
14      genuine. And so we would just -- we would just, like, get  
15      excited and want to know when she was coming on shift  
16      because there was a sense of safety with her too.

17                   So anyways, during this time, I was now in  
18      Grade 8, and I was going to public school, so I was  
19      finishing up my public school education just across the  
20      street, and a friend -- one of my classmates insisted that  
21      I needed to meet this guy named Erneil (ph), and he was in  
22      high school. I was 13 and he was in high school, and the  
23      reason why I want to bring up Erneil is because I haven't  
24      had many opportunities to feel safe and to feel seen and  
25      accepted and hurt, and I would just be -- Erneil was an



1 girl to the streets of Toronto, and we used to, like, just  
2 take a bag and go to the Eaton's Centre and put all of our  
3 stuff in a locker and then go sit out on the corners of  
4 Yonge and Dundas, anyways, and beg for money, and I was too  
5 embarrassed to do that, so I'd kind of, like, hang in the  
6 background and let her beg for money.

7 So we did that, and it didn't really sustain  
8 us. So we'd be picked up and be brought -- be brought back  
9 to the group home, and we'd run away again, and at some  
10 point during this being picked up and brought back, we ran  
11 away with a -- another young girl named [J.], and she was  
12 Asian, and our ability to panhandle was not sustaining us.  
13 So Joey had this -- somehow she was connected to, like,  
14 really big, like, Chinese Mafia people. Like, I don't know  
15 how. She was just a teenager like the rest of us, and [J.]  
16 suggested that she was -- I don't know if she suggested or  
17 she kind of -- I don't remember how the conversation came  
18 up. I mean -- I don't know, but anyways, she was  
19 connected. She had connections to all of these Asian men.  
20 We were staying at hotels. How they let young teenage  
21 girls, a bunch of us stay at a -- different hotels in  
22 downtown Toronto, I still don't understand, without calling  
23 the police, but we did.

24 And so [J.] would call all these men, and  
25 there was a few of us girls there, but -- so we had two

1 rooms, and I was in one room, and everyone -- everybody  
2 else would be in the other room, and I guess I would go  
3 into the room and, like, there was all these men, and  
4 they'd kind of look at us, and they decide who they wanted,  
5 and then you go into the other room, and -- for the most  
6 part, I was the one that was picked. So during these  
7 nights, I don't -- I couldn't even tell you. I was about  
8 13 then. I don't even know if I seen the money.

9 But anyways, this became a way to make money  
10 and for us to survive when we were on the streets, and  
11 before that, beyond the panhandling, guys would pick me up,  
12 and basically for a place to stay, I would sleep with them.

13 So our affiliation with [J.] disconnected  
14 somehow, and [C.] and I would continue to run away, and she  
15 had put out the suggestion that we start working the  
16 streets. So we were working at Jarvis and Carlton,  
17 and -- still about 13 years old.

18 First guy. So this man picks me up, and  
19 I'll just say his name. It's [Pimp 1], and I get into the  
20 car -- black man and his friend -- and we were working for  
21 a while with no pimps, and so I get into the car, and he's  
22 like, who's your man? And I'm like, I don't know what  
23 you're talking about, I don't have a man, and I had -- I  
24 was kind of snooty back then. I was like, yeah, fuck off,  
25 I don't have a man. I thought that he -- when he pulled

1 over, he was acting as if he was going to be a customer. I  
2 was a little naive, and I should have known better or  
3 trusted my intuition that he was not going to be a  
4 customer.

5 So I get in the car, and I -- he's like, you  
6 know you need to have a man on these streets, and I was  
7 just like, no, I don't, I -- we've been working  
8 for -- however long we were working at that time, and I  
9 didn't have any -- a man, and I just kept talking back to  
10 them; like, fuck off, I -- I don't need anyone. And -- so  
11 he grabs my hair, and he starts banging my head off of the  
12 steering wheel, and he says, you don't have a choice. You  
13 are now going to be working for me. I'm going to make sure  
14 that you are at that corner because I'm going to be  
15 watching you at all times. You're going to give -- he was  
16 basically telling me what was going to happen, and I didn't  
17 expect him to -- I was quite surprised that I'd just met  
18 this man and he fucking grabs my hair and -- and starts  
19 bashing my head off the steering wheel, so I was afraid.  
20 It worked. I was afraid. I was afraid, and he did.  
21 He -- he made sure that I knew that he was around, you  
22 know, and -- I'd see him in different areas. There was a  
23 parking lot that was right behind the spot that we were  
24 working, and I'd see him there.

25 And so anyways, this was the beginning of

1 one of my sexual exploitation relationships. I can't tell  
2 you exactly how long I was with [Pimp 1], but he was  
3 extremely abusive, extremely controlling. He had quite a  
4 few women working for him. He would make me sleep in the  
5 same bed with them. Like, just -- I remember once -- so  
6 how I ended up -- so -- and during this time, there was a  
7 task force called the Juvenile Task Force in Toronto that  
8 worked out from the Metropolitan Toronto Police Division  
9 there, and they had gotten information, obviously, from my  
10 group home that I was now working the streets, and so  
11 they -- they would pick me up at certain times and bring me  
12 back to this group home called Moberly in Toronto, and  
13 Moberly is a group home for what they identify as high-risk  
14 runaways. So they put you into pajamas and socks, and you  
15 can't do anything. You can't go anywhere. You have a  
16 staff with you at all times. Yeah, but I would figure out  
17 ways to run away. I was pretty good at that, and I  
18 would -- I would go back to the streets, and I would go  
19 back to [Pimp 1].

20 Anyways, this one -- when I was -- I can't  
21 remember what had upset me, but I had called up [Pimp 1]  
22 and I said, I'm leaving you, and -- I was really brave that  
23 day on the phone. Said, I'm leaving you. I -- I can't  
24 remember exactly what else I said, but he had convinced me  
25 to come downstairs and -- I don't know. I don't know what

1 he had said, and I was really just brave that day, and so I  
2 had agreed, and it was the middle of winter. I remember I  
3 was wearing, like, knee-high boots, and a -- and a dress.

4 And so I went downstairs, and I'm still kind  
5 of in that energy of, you know, screw you, and then I got  
6 outside, and he looked at me and he said, so what were you  
7 saying? And whenever I've been really scared, there's  
8 like -- there's this feeling in my stomach, like, almost  
9 like I want to pee. And he grabbed my hair, and he shoved  
10 me to the ground, and he just started kicking me like a  
11 fucking man, like -- like, not -- not even -- like -- and  
12 it was right in front of this building. It was icy and he  
13 was just kicking me, kicking me, and -- I remember, like,  
14 screaming, blood-curdling screams, and nobody did anything.  
15 Nobody had called the police or the ambulance.

16 I don't even remember, but I ended up in the  
17 hospital, and the Juvenile Task Force had met me there, and  
18 they were always trying to -- they -- I mean, their  
19 intention and their job is to find out who your pimp is and  
20 to put your pimp away. So they would ask me over a period  
21 of time, and I'd always be, like, no.

22 So anyways, this time they had asked me  
23 again, and I -- they said, are you -- are you ready to put  
24 him away, and I had said yes. So that began a process of  
25 taking my statements. They connect with me in the group

1 homes to talk about -- and also -- I think to keep tabs on  
2 me to make sure that I got to court, but I did. I -- I  
3 went to court, and I testified against [Pimp 1], and -- and  
4 I can't remember exactly how old I was then, but anyways,  
5 he did get some time. I don't remember exactly how much.

6 But I ended up back on the streets again,  
7 and I started working for another pimp named [Pimp 2], and  
8 I was with [Pimp 2] for quite a long time. My sexual  
9 exploitation, trafficking, was from the age of 13 until the  
10 age of 16, and particularly with [Pimp 2], I -- I went to  
11 Niagara falls. I went to Montreal. There was talks of  
12 coming to Vancouver, but that didn't happen. He was  
13 abusive, as well, in different ways. He was more -- he  
14 would confine us. So where he was living in Regent Park in  
15 Toronto, he had these gates -- this gated apartment, so  
16 he'd lock us in there, me and my girlfriend, so we couldn't  
17 leave and we'd have to stay there until it was time for us  
18 to work again, and -- I don't know. Like, I block out a  
19 lot of that. I -- there's a disconnect, and -- you know,  
20 I've done some healing work around it, but there is  
21 definitely a disconnect, and you have to do that to do it,  
22 you know? There's so many times I wasn't in my body, and  
23 why would you want to be, you know?

24 I've -- I've had some horrific things done  
25 to me by tricks. You know, I remember this one time I was

1 getting pretty brave with a customer, and -- so he started  
2 hitting me, and he forced me to give him a blow job, and  
3 then he, like, he ejaculated all over me and kicked me out  
4 of the car somewhere, and I had called [Pimp 2], and [Pimp  
5 2] basically looked at me and he said, well, we can clean  
6 you up, and how much have you made tonight, and I -- like,  
7 I had only made 200. We'll clean you up, and you're going  
8 to get back out there. So that's what happened.

9 There's a real -- you know, girls -- I mean,  
10 I was a girl then. Especially when you come from traumatic  
11 homes, there's a real sense of I don't matter, and I have  
12 no worth, and I have no value, you know, and they really  
13 prey on that. They really prey on your lack of self worth,  
14 and also, probably, the knowledge that, you know, nobody  
15 else really cares either.

16 And so there's -- there's the one side of  
17 the physical violence, and then -- and then there's this  
18 internalized sense of lack of self-worth where you stay in  
19 it because you just -- you just -- you have this skewed  
20 view that this is love, you know, and I just wanted to be  
21 loved.

22 So anyways, the JTF -- you know, the  
23 Juvenile Task Force, I want to speak about them  
24 because -- so they were a group of white men. Well, you  
25 know, I -- I had -- I listened to some of their sexual

1        comments, not necessarily at me, but just the way they'd  
2        speak about women. I hung out with them quite a bit.  
3        They'd take me out for coffee and for tea. I mean, they  
4        had an intention, but I also -- back then I resisted them a  
5        lot. Like, I was like, fuck off, leave me alone, I don't  
6        need you; but they were the only people looking for me.  
7        They were the only people consistently looking for me, and  
8        I know they had an intention and agenda, but you know what?  
9        Thank fucking goodness.

10                    So they -- you know, they were also involved  
11        with me during this time with [Pimp 2], and -- you know, I  
12        had convinced myself that I loved this man, and I -- I  
13        wasn't going to do what I did with [Pimp 1] and put him in  
14        jail. There's some missing pieces, but I -- at some point,  
15        I did decide to sign -- they called it signing, at least in  
16        the street lingo, on -- on [Pimp 2], and I was pregnant  
17        with his child.

18                    So I -- I was 16 now, and I decided to leave  
19        the foster care system because I had that option, so I was  
20        a -- I went to a maternity home for teenage girls in -- in  
21        Toronto, and it was actually quite a nice home. There was  
22        one section of it where you would be when you were  
23        pregnant, and then there was another section where you  
24        would be after you had baby, and it was really big old  
25        character home, and the staff were quite nice, and I was

1 with a bunch of other pregnant teenage girls, and the court  
2 case -- the court case -- the court case was pending.

3 Anyways, this one day I am about, I don't  
4 know, six months pregnant, so -- actually, [Pimp 2] would  
5 try to get in contact with me, and I remember I spoke to  
6 him on the phone once while he was in jail, and he  
7 was -- he was trying to befriend me by acting like he gave  
8 a damn that I was pregnant with his child, but something  
9 intuitively told me, do not tell him where you are, do not  
10 disclose anything, and I didn't. I didn't fall for it.

11 So I'm sitting there one day and watching  
12 the news, and here is one of the girls that used to work  
13 for him. She had been kidnapped and taken to Montreal by  
14 one of his main women, by his main woman and some other  
15 guys, had taken to Montreal, and I remember them saying on  
16 the news they couldn't identify him because there was a  
17 court case that was pending. They took her to Montreal,  
18 and they tortured her because they wanted to know where I  
19 was, and she didn't know, and I wouldn't have blamed her if  
20 she -- you know, but she didn't know. So anyways -- and I  
21 had found that out from her after what had happened. You  
22 know, her and I, we were in group homes together. We ended  
23 up working together for him.

24 Anyway, so I -- I went to court to testify  
25 against him, and I was seven months' pregnant, and the

1 Juvenile Task Force was there, and they were supporting me,  
2 and I -- so their lawyers are -- it's unimaginable that you  
3 can -- so they would say things to me like -- his lawyer  
4 would say things to me like, isn't it true that you're just  
5 jealous and you're doing this to be vindictive, and -- and  
6 just -- I just -- I can't tell you some of the exact  
7 things, but I remember there was this real sense of, man, I  
8 am a piece of shit according to this person. It was -- it  
9 was really cold and cruel, and I was, like, 16 years old  
10 and seven months' pregnant, but I -- there was  
11 something -- I was being supported because I was just  
12 solid. There was something that said to me that I knew  
13 intuitively that, okay, this is his job. This is his job.  
14 He wants to get a reaction out of me. I need to just be  
15 calm and solid and -- in my truth, you know? I can -- he  
16 wants to -- you know, he wants to break me down to prove  
17 that I'm -- you know, to try to prove that I'm lying. I  
18 just knew that. It's not like anybody even told me that.

19 So I was just calm and collected, and he  
20 was, like, screaming and yelling at me. It's -- it's  
21 really impressive the lengths they will go to to, you know,  
22 revictimize you, and I remember afterwards the Crown came  
23 up to me -- because there was a few of us girls, and the  
24 girls before, they had really just torn apart and broke  
25 down and revictimized, and he came up to me and he said,

1       you know what, Terriea? Because of you, I am certain that  
2       he will go away. And we weren't so sure, and he did. He  
3       got, like, seven years, and I don't know what happened from  
4       the -- the kidnapping charges or if they were able to  
5       connect him into that, or -- I don't know.

6                So I'm pregnant with my daughter, and I just  
7       felt really alone. My daughter saved me, but man, that was  
8       a huge burden to put on her because it wasn't her  
9       responsibility to save me. During her labour -- during my  
10      labour, I was alone. I was supposed to have a labour  
11      coach. Not even -- not even she was in the room with me,  
12      and I realize this now, but I -- I had nobody to -- to,  
13      like, shine light and bring it to my understanding back  
14      then, but I had post-partum depression majorly. Of course  
15      I did. I had just, like, left working the streets and even  
16      during -- you know, I think about -- I imagine that I  
17      started not feeling safe in my mother's womb with what she  
18      was going through. You know, I believe that my trauma  
19      began then, energetically, and that was the same pattern  
20      that was being passed on to my daughter from the womb,  
21      and -- so when she was born, I was so disconnected. I was,  
22      like, I don't even -- like -- there was just,  
23      like -- nothing was happening here, just nothing, no life,  
24      no -- I'd look at her, like -- you know, I -- she'd cry, I  
25      wouldn't even want to hold her. I would just let her cry,

1 and I mean, she was also the child of my pimp. I  
2 didn't -- I didn't know how to be a mother to her. I  
3 didn't, and only by the grace of Creator did she not get  
4 taken away from me.

5 I -- I would -- so I had no other skills. I  
6 hadn't graduated high school. I had no other skills at  
7 that time that would be valued by society in order to get  
8 employment, so I started stripping, and that was when I  
9 knew, right? I knew how to use my body to get my needs  
10 met, my survival needs met. I was stripping and I was  
11 living with my aunt for a bit. Sorry. And so my aunt  
12 would watch [Daughter] while I'd go work, and I -- I  
13 couldn't dance unless I was drinking, and then -- so  
14 I -- the waitresses pretty much knew that they needed to  
15 have a glass of wine for me from the moment I got there,  
16 and there was never a moment that I didn't have a glass of  
17 wine in my hand. It was the only way I could do it, you  
18 know, and -- so over time, this had evolved to my coworkers  
19 introducing me to cocaine, and interestingly enough,  
20 throughout my whole teenagers, besides that one time  
21 getting really wasted and wanting to kill myself, I hadn't  
22 touched drugs or alcohol.

23 So anyways, I was in my addiction for some  
24 time and just really disconnected as a mother. Like,  
25 really. Like, just so emotionally disconnected from my

1 daughter, and all she wanted and deserved was my care and  
2 my attention, and I just didn't know -- it's not even that  
3 I didn't know how. It was like, energetically, something  
4 was, like, -- you know, those -- those pain patterns that  
5 are passed down.

6 I think I'd like to take a little break.

7 **MS. TIAR WILSON:** Okay. It's 11:12 a.m.,  
8 and we're here at the Fort Garry Hotel, and we are going to  
9 take a short little break.

10 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Thank you.

11 --- Upon recessing at 11:12 a.m.

12 --- Upon reconvening at 11:45 a.m.

13 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** So --

14 **MS. TIAR WILSON:** Good morning again. It's  
15 11:45 a.m., Wednesday, October 3rd, and we just came back  
16 from about a 25-minute break, and we will get started  
17 again.

18 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** So I was talking about  
19 my daughter and my inability to connect as a mother, and I  
20 was dancing at that time, and during her early years when  
21 she was a baby I was living with my aunt, my aunt on my  
22 adoptive family's side. She was married into the family,  
23 and she was -- she was always a source of safety too.  
24 Like, there were some times growing up where we went to  
25 spend weekends at her house, and it was just, like, a

1 breath of fresh air. She was so -- she is so loving and  
2 so -- she's -- she's just a beautiful, beautiful soul, and  
3 I'm really blessed for those moments because I -- I really  
4 got an opportunity to feel safe, and I remember just never  
5 wanting to leave her home. Like, I just never wanted those  
6 weekends to end.

7 So anyway, she -- we were living with her  
8 for a bit, and then -- so while I was pregnant, actually,  
9 Erneil had come back into my life, so Erneil, my first  
10 love, and we went to go -- I went to go live with him and  
11 his mother with [Daughter] -- my daughter's name is  
12 [Daughter] -- in Montreal for a bit, and that was really  
13 profound to me because my daughter was not his daughter,  
14 but he had really taken her as his own, and that's just the  
15 kind of person that he was.

16 But anyways, I -- I'd like to speak to  
17 that -- I guess to expose some of the shame around it  
18 and -- and also how it's impacted my life. I had also  
19 found out later on that he had cheated on me with my best  
20 friend, and I don't blame him for that. We were teenagers,  
21 but that was -- that was a really -- it was big. It was  
22 big in my life because he -- he was a source of safety, and  
23 I really trusted him. I allowed myself to open up enough  
24 to trust, and that trust was betrayed, so...

25 Anyways, so that was showing up a lot in our

1 relationship. I had tried to forgive him, but at the core  
2 of me I didn't, and so I kept -- I kept pushing in that  
3 relationship and getting really angry about it, and as a  
4 trauma survivor, trust is -- is always a big thing: Not  
5 being able to trust, wanting to be safe but not feeling  
6 safe, you know, and -- so -- yeah.

7 So -- actually, that happened before I -- we  
8 went to go live with my aunt, so we were living with him  
9 and his mom for about six months, and then I moved out on  
10 my own from my aunt's place with [Daughter], and I was  
11 still dancing. I got my first apartment in -- I can't  
12 remember the town. That's okay. And I kept dancing until  
13 about the age of 24, and -- you know, I just -- I want to  
14 speak to my challenges of being a mother because I -- I  
15 think that that really matters, you know? I've carried a  
16 lot of guilt and shame for that, and my daughter, my  
17 daughter struggles today because of that, you know? So  
18 those -- those patterns that just keep getting passed down,  
19 and at the time I didn't know better. I mean, I had no  
20 example of what a loving relationship with a parent looked  
21 like, and I had only known disconnection, and -- so I -- I  
22 would go out on the weekends, and I would drink, and I  
23 would leave her with family members because -- I -- I'd  
24 often have lots of people staying with me, and basically I  
25 would take care of everyone financially because I was

1 dancing, and -- and they would, you know, take care of  
2 [Daughter] or whatever else they could do.

3 After I decided to leave dancing because of  
4 a relationship that I was in -- my partner at the time had  
5 said that he would support me, but I -- I had to stop  
6 dancing. That's really challenging being dependent upon  
7 something, especially as a man, but as a woman when you  
8 don't have -- or when you don't have skills that are  
9 considered valuable in society, and at that time, I didn't.  
10 I had no education. All I knew of work experience was, you  
11 know, being exploited and -- and then being sexualized as a  
12 dancer.

13 So at the age of about 25 after I had -- I  
14 had stopped dancing, I really wanted to do something  
15 different, and so I started to explore ways of how I could  
16 improve myself and improve my life, and this was really the  
17 first time I think there was a sense of clarity and  
18 consciousness around that, you know, that I wanted to -- to  
19 do better. So I started looking for opportunities, and  
20 actually, I seen this newspaper ad for adults who  
21 experienced challenges and adversities as youth why they  
22 wouldn't have completed high school and then be able to  
23 attend university. So it was a program called the  
24 Transitional Year Programme at the University of Toronto,  
25 and this was a really phenomenal program because it was

1 a -- it was mostly Indigenous people and also people -- I  
2 don't know what the correct term is -- also, like, other  
3 ethnicities or -- some black people, south Asian, just I  
4 guess what society would identify as minorities. They  
5 worked with us in small groups, but then we also had the  
6 opportunity to attend a regular university class, so at  
7 that time, I had chosen sociology, and -- so -- so then  
8 you'd -- so you'd attend with the rest of the university,  
9 and then you come back to the small groups with a professor  
10 who would support you to understand the material, and when  
11 you didn't have, you know, high school and all of that,  
12 it -- it was, like -- it was really meaningful.

13 At that time, I had not found my voice, and  
14 I was really scared in groups. Like, I just -- I was so  
15 scared to speak, and -- I was really great one on one, but  
16 in -- in groups -- so I -- I didn't really contribute much  
17 even though it was a small group, but when I met with a  
18 professor one-on-one, we talked quite a bit, and in a -- in  
19 a reference letter he had actually said that, you know,  
20 she's -- she's very articulate and -- and eloquent. She  
21 just -- doesn't -- she thrives best in one-on-one  
22 situations. At that time, I did.

23 So anyways, sociology really opened up my  
24 eyes to different things that were happening in society and  
25 that, you know, things weren't created equal and there was

1 inequality, and -- mind you, it was still by a western  
2 educational system, but it still triggered something in me  
3 that was like, oh, okay, maybe there's not something  
4 inherently wrong with me. Maybe there's some other reasons  
5 why I had the experience growing up that I did.

6 So a fire was kind of lit then, and I did  
7 amazing. I -- I got As in the sociology class, and I was  
8 accepted into the University of Toronto, and I did attend  
9 there for a couple of years. I found it challenging,  
10 and -- once I was accepted into the mainstream. I mean,  
11 first of all, you're a number. You're identified by a  
12 number, and I really felt like I didn't belong. You know,  
13 I felt like I was in class with mainly white people,  
14 and -- and I -- and I struggled, you know? I -- I  
15 struggled with the material, I struggled to connect with  
16 others in order to understand the material, and it -- and  
17 it was -- it was very isolating. It was, and so I -- I  
18 continued doing it because I still had some of my peers  
19 from the Transitional Year Programme, and we would form  
20 study groups. There was a sense of belonging and  
21 connection with them, and I was also supported by the  
22 accessibility services there, so I was able to -- they  
23 identified me with learning challenges, which was a  
24 blessing because I got extra time to do my exams, which  
25 really supported me, and I also got a private room to write

1 my exams, so those were really great things.

2 So then I -- I got pregnant with my son, and  
3 I was still going to -- I was about 28 then, so I had done  
4 three years already, but three years -- actually, when I  
5 was in the mainstream university, I was doing about two and  
6 a half courses because that's all I could manage, you know?  
7 And with trauma, like, a university experience can be  
8 really stressful to begin with, right? Like, I remember  
9 reading this study about if anyone has any predisposition  
10 to mental health, that it often comes out in -- in  
11 stressful circumstances with exam time and stuff, so  
12 compounding that with the fact that I had been through  
13 complex trauma, like, my nervous system was consistently  
14 activated, and I remember I was -- like, when I was  
15 studying, I was constantly going outside to smoke, just  
16 whatever I could do to get -- get through it, and, you  
17 know, try to calm my nervous system and -- and get through  
18 it, so...

19 So I was pregnant with my son, and I had  
20 really felt called to move to Vancouver, B.C. Can't tell  
21 you why. Just -- and people would say to me, Terriea,  
22 have -- have you ever even been there, and I said, no, and  
23 I don't care. I just -- I feel called to go there.

24 So I -- you know, I -- I've had this pattern  
25 of attracting abusive relationships, and the father of

1 [Son], my son [Son], it was quite abusive, and we  
2 actually -- I broke up with him pretty much right after  
3 [Son] was born. So even though we were separated, he -- we  
4 had talked while I was pregnant about moving to B.C., and  
5 so we still agreed to do that, and also during that time, I  
6 had been contacted several years before about compensation  
7 for the trial with [Pimp 2], by the Crown, and somehow they  
8 said that they sent me a notice, which I don't remember  
9 getting, for me to appear before them to -- to talk about  
10 the impact, so the victim impact, and they said I didn't  
11 show up, so they went ahead and decided to compensate me  
12 \$10,000. I don't know. Yeah, 10,000. But that was  
13 frustrating because they -- I just felt like they were kind  
14 of, like, washing their hands of it. I don't feel like  
15 there was a lot of real effort and intention to include me  
16 in that, to -- you know, like, Victim Services making an  
17 effort to contact me or anything. So that was the money  
18 that we used to move to Vancouver.

19 What do I want to say about that? So I  
20 moved to Vancouver, and I actually transferred to the  
21 University of British Columbia. So I was going to school  
22 and having a shared-parenting agreement with [Son] father,  
23 and that was -- it was challenging. It was challenging to  
24 go to school with a young son, and again, it was also  
25 challenging to be in the mainstream educational system, and

1 I just decided that it wasn't for me, even though I -- I  
2 did put in a lot of time and effort, and I imagine if -- if  
3 there was more supportive ways for Indigenous people or  
4 people who are struggling -- like, I don't know if there  
5 would be an opportunity to have that -- like, the TYP  
6 program throughout your whole time, and not just that year  
7 as an entrance program, but it was a -- it was a really  
8 great program, and that's why I want to mention it.

9 So I decided to -- to not do that, and I  
10 really didn't have -- or -- or felt -- I mean, it was an  
11 abusive relationship with [Son]'s father, and I really  
12 didn't feel like I had a voice, again, that internalized  
13 sense of self-worth, and he would use my history against  
14 me, and for the most part, it worked. So any time I tried  
15 to speak up about issues in our parenting  
16 relationship -- and that was really hard for me because I  
17 was -- I was scared of him, and he would use my past  
18 against me.

19 So I remember this one time I found out that  
20 he was abusing [Son], like, using physical force, and  
21 I -- I decided that I needed to fight for my son, and I  
22 spoke to him about it, and he started getting really  
23 aggressive with me, ended up smashing my hand, like, in the  
24 door, and my finger got hurt. The police came. This was  
25 the UBC RCMP, and he started telling them basically my

1 history, and I -- all of a sudden, I was treated like the  
2 criminal. Like, they were calling me in there and -- and,  
3 like, asking me questions about my history and bringing up  
4 the fact -- the records that they had during my time being  
5 exploited on the streets because there was times where I'd  
6 be picked up for soliciting, you know, and -- and also my  
7 YO record, because I guess it's still accessible to the  
8 police. So using that against me, and I was just like,  
9 this -- like, I'm here telling you that he's been abusive  
10 to our son, and you're making me be the aggressor or -- you  
11 know -- there was something else I wanted to say about  
12 that.

13 So they actually -- so with these  
14 allegations -- and actually, before that, [Son] was in  
15 Kindergarten, and [M] had made the decision to -- that he  
16 was going to start school at UBC, you know, and again, I  
17 just -- you know --

18 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** While you were  
19 at UBC as well?

20 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** No. So he started going  
21 to UBC after me. [M] had made the decision that he -- when  
22 it was time for [Son] to enter into school, that he was  
23 going to be going to school at his place, which meant that,  
24 you know, he'd be the primary caregiver because the school  
25 is five days a week, and again, my -- my fear and my

1 intimidation, feeling like I didn't have a voice, I -- I  
2 just went along with things. Like, I just -- you know, and  
3 I know a lot about the dynamics of abuse now, but, you  
4 know, people will say to you, like, oh, why didn't  
5 you -- why didn't you just use your voice, or why didn't  
6 you just leave, and it's not -- it's not so easy. It's not  
7 so easy. Like, there's so many different factors why women  
8 stay, you know? And things like mediation even in an  
9 abusive relationship or in a relationship that's been  
10 abusive don't work because that underlying -- yeah, there's  
11 a power differential, and that underlying fear is always in  
12 the room, you know, so he doesn't need to be yelling at me  
13 or hitting me, but that fear is there. The fear is there,  
14 and -- and different systems just don't realize that.

15 So anyways, they -- so while he was going to  
16 Kindergarten, a teacher had actually called the Ministry as  
17 it's called in B.C. on [M], and nothing was done. He's a  
18 white man. He's a white man. Yeah. They took the report,  
19 they went to the house one time, and they left. You know,  
20 there was nothing else. So then this would have been the  
21 second time that there's these allegations --

22 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** And  
23 institutions that know.

24 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Yes. Yeah. And -- so  
25 then they even interviewed [Son], and [Son] had been

1 coached by his dad. His dad had said to him -- because he  
2 told me this after. He looked at me and he said, you want  
3 Daddy to get in trouble; Daddy told me that you want him to  
4 get into trouble and that you want him to go to jail, so he  
5 told me that I better not say anything if -- if he still  
6 wants to -- if I still want to see him. And I was just  
7 like, that is a burden that you do not put on a child.

8 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Yeah.

9 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** You know? And for the  
10 most part, [M] knew that he'd get away with it.

11 And so they interviewed my -- my -- must  
12 have been about 6, 7, son, and then identified, oh, we  
13 spoke with [Son]. Like, how do you -- like, how do you  
14 even speak to a -- a young child and identify -- like,  
15 there's so many different factors to take into  
16 consideration there, and that's it. So they closed it.  
17 The Ministry automatically gets called when there's  
18 a -- they closed the file on him too. Meanwhile, there was  
19 still an open file on me. Yeah, and -- you know, I know  
20 we've heard this a lot in -- in the Inquiry, and you know,  
21 once you -- you're -- you know, the risk factor is being  
22 born Indigenous, and once you've already been in the  
23 system, there's just no getting away from that.

24 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Yeah.

25 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** There is -- that's,

1       like, who you are. Who you are is this troubled girl or  
2       whatever, woman, who's now a woman.

3                       So anyways, I -- I stopped going to  
4       university, and I had decided that I wanted to, again, do  
5       something different and give back, so then I found out  
6       about the volunteer program at Battered Women Support  
7       Services, and I attended that program, and it was pretty  
8       profound and life-changing, too, because again, we were  
9       exploring the oppression of women, and we were exploring  
10      Indigenous issues. We were exploring colonization. That  
11      was the first time I had heard about colonization, and I  
12      was what, 30 years old? And I -- again, I was really  
13      enlightened in a sense and affirmed again that my  
14      experience wasn't only my own, my experience was shared,  
15      and that there were other factors at play, and my -- my  
16      passion was really lit, and I worked really hard as a  
17      volunteer there, and then I was hired on as a -- the  
18      Indigenous counsellor.

19                      And I started working with a program in  
20      Downtown Eastside Vancouver called the Women's Safety and  
21      Outreach Program, and this program was to support women and  
22      girls living or navigating through Downtown Eastside  
23      Vancouver who might be coping with their addictions  
24      and -- you know, pretty much what -- what we know from that  
25      work is that every woman, especially if you're Indigenous,

1 has experienced violence and abuse in the past, or -- but  
2 the -- the main intention was to support women who  
3 were -- who are currently experiencing violence and abuse.

4 So we had a van, and there was a group of  
5 us. There was a manager, a few volunteers and myself, and  
6 we worked at building relationships with women and girls in  
7 the community and supported them to navigate different  
8 systems, you know, and -- it's -- it's -- it was really  
9 unbelievable what I witnessed -- how I witnessed the women  
10 and girls being treated, you know, like, within the health  
11 care system, taking them to St. Paul's Hospital after a  
12 sexual assault, and just this real energy and -- like, they  
13 weren't taken seriously, you know? We had -- there was one  
14 woman who had a very challenging time with the health care  
15 system, and yet she had been feeling suicidal and had  
16 attempted in different ways to -- to kill herself,  
17 and -- so she had decided that, yes, she did want help and  
18 she did want us to support her with accessing help at St.  
19 Paul's, and the doctor literally turned to us and said,  
20 what do you want us to do, save her? No, but she's here  
21 asking for your help, and this is very challenging for her,  
22 and now you are denying her that help. You know, these  
23 were very common experiences. You know, there's a real  
24 consciousness that women and girls in the community just  
25 have no value.

1                   So anyways, I -- I did that role for a  
2                   while, and then I was asked to take on the management role  
3                   of that role, so I did that for a year, and -- and then the  
4                   program lost funding, so I was laid off for a bit and then  
5                   came back to -- to work with the organization, as they had  
6                   asked me to be the manager of the Indigenous women's  
7                   program.

8                   What I will say is that I worked in an  
9                   organization that there was an intention to support women  
10                  and girls who experienced abuse, and yet those very same  
11                  tactics of abuse were being used in the organization to  
12                  control staff; and, you know, you -- I think so many of us  
13                  go into the work with these heartfelt intentions and  
14                  naiveté. I was a bit naive, you know, and -- and having  
15                  worked -- having worked in the Downtown Eastside community  
16                  and within these grass-roots organizations and  
17                  collaborating with them, I'm not so sure that they're  
18                  working the way they are currently structured, and it hurts  
19                  me to say that.

20                  **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Do you mean in  
21                  terms of -- like, the work -- the services they're  
22                  providing or their internal operations or both? I mean,  
23                  both connect. Like, one affects the other.

24                  **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Absolutely. They're  
25                  definitely dependent on each other. The internal structure

1 impacts the way that you are working and supporting and  
2 so-called collaborating with other organizations, and I  
3 just see the way our support services are currently  
4 operating, there's a dependency that is being created, and  
5 that dependency, I just question, who is it serving? Who  
6 are we really serving?

7 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Like, the  
8 people are dependent on the programs, or -- like, both,  
9 right?

10 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Yes.

11 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Because they  
12 won't exist if there's no longer a program?

13 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Exactly.

14 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Okay.

15 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Exactly. Exactly. And  
16 that's -- and also during this time, I was in -- okay, so I  
17 also met my birthmother while I was working at BWSS. She  
18 had contacted me on Facebook over Christmas one year, and  
19 she said, I don't know if you know me or if you've heard of  
20 me, but I'm your mom, and I said, yes, yes, I -- I know who  
21 you are.

22 I always felt really connected to my birth  
23 mother. It's hard to explain. It's a connection that  
24 cannot be cut despite all of the colonial ways that -- that  
25 try to sever that connection, you know, through the loss of

1 her, through the loss of language, through the loss of  
2 culture. I always felt a strong connection to her.

3 So she came by bus. She was in Toronto at  
4 the time. She came by bus to Vancouver to -- to meet me.  
5 My mother, while she was never in the residential school  
6 system, she was also adopted into a non-Native family, and  
7 she also experienced extensive abuse by her adoptive  
8 mother, and she -- it's interesting because even though we  
9 didn't know each other, our lives were mirrors for each  
10 other. She -- while she wasn't in the residential school  
11 system, she was put back into the foster care system as a  
12 youth, as well, and she was identified as a troubled youth,  
13 and at that time, you -- I mean, you could -- well, not  
14 even just that time, but you could be identified as -- as  
15 troubled youth by being sexually -- what's the word?

16 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Active?

17 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Yeah --

18 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Promiscuous?

19 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Yeah, exactly. Sexually  
20 promiscuous. So she was put into a training school, what  
21 was called a training school, and she experienced extensive  
22 abuse by staff, was raped at that training school.  
23 Grandview -- Grandview Training School For Girls in  
24 Ontario.

25 So when I met her, one of the first things

1 she wanted to do in order so that I knew who she was was  
2 she gave me her court papers where she also testified in  
3 court against her abuser by the -- by the man who raped her  
4 while she was at the Grandview Training School. So she  
5 gave me those court papers, and then she was also  
6 compensated, like, 60 grand, I think, as a settlement.

7 My mother is very impacted by what she's  
8 been through, and she's a huge source of wisdom, and at  
9 that time, I wasn't ready for -- for all of it. Like,  
10 she'd try to teach me -- you know, share so much wisdom  
11 with me, but she would speak so fast, and she would be  
12 really kind of aggressive in -- in the fact that I needed  
13 to know it, I need to know it all now, and -- and to be  
14 completely honest, she also had a diagnosis of bipolar, so  
15 I had attributed her -- I wasn't taking her seriously, and  
16 I had let things go in one ear and out the other.

17 My mother lives in Downtown Eastside  
18 Vancouver. She at her age still struggles in her  
19 addiction. She struggles to maintain relationships and can  
20 be quite aggressive with people. She likes to start  
21 fights.

22 (LAUGHTER)

23 MS. TERRIEA WADUD: She'll fight anyone.  
24 And she's one of the most powerful, wise, ancient,  
25 ancient -- like, one look in her eyes, you just know that

1 she carries wisdom from a long, long, long time ago, and  
2 she doesn't really -- she doesn't let people in, and the  
3 few times that I've seen her allow herself to feel, it's  
4 been like a tsunami of such sadness and such grief.

5 So we've had a challenging relationship.  
6 She's gotten aggressive with me, and I was a -- I was  
7 afraid of her, so I wouldn't even speak up for myself with  
8 her, and I'd allow her to treat me that way, and she really  
9 hated [Adoptive mother]. She told me more about that  
10 story. She hated the way that [Adoptive mother] treated me  
11 and she hated being, of course, betrayed by her, you know,  
12 told that her kids would be returned to her when she was  
13 stable enough, and then [Adoptive mother] went behind her  
14 back and did that and adopted -- adopted us anyway.

15 So I stopped working at BWSS, and I  
16 found -- during this time, too, I started connecting with  
17 my culture and mostly through work. I was being encouraged  
18 to sun-dance by my manager at the time, and I had no idea  
19 what sun dance was, but there was a real pressure for me to  
20 do it. I had never even been to a sun dance, and I was  
21 being told that I needed to dance, and I later learned that  
22 that whole journey is one that comes to you from the  
23 ancestors with dreams and stuff, and that's -- I did have  
24 dreams. It was just curious that I was being pressured as  
25 much as I was.

1           So I started -- I did connect with a  
2           ceremonial family, and I started going to different  
3           ceremonies, Yuwipi ceremonies and then the sun dance  
4           ceremony, and I just -- I -- as many of us, I hungered, I  
5           hungered for that connection, and I hungered for that sense  
6           of belonging, and I was quite naive and decided to  
7           sun-dance and then started realizing just all of the  
8           internal hurt and pain that has been passed down, and  
9           instead of having this safe space became this unhealthy  
10          power dynamics and causing harm to each other.

11           The woman who was leading that sun dance was  
12          abusive to us. She was abusive to us, and I again at that  
13          time did not have my voice, wasn't in my power, and I  
14          didn't know how to speak to that, and so many -- the other  
15          women, the other girls who were dancing and women  
16          didn't -- didn't know how to speak to that, either, and  
17          nobody did. You know? So I kept dancing even though I was  
18          feeling scared every year, not feeling safe.

19           And this last year, I made the decision.  
20          I -- and my work and my sun dance family was all  
21          interconnected, so I felt really -- really controlled in  
22          that because if I left one, then I'd have to leave the  
23          other, you know? So I -- I ended up making the decision  
24          that I was. I was going to -- I was going to leave them  
25          both because this is what was going to be right for me. I

1 was experiencing the abuse at work, and I was experiencing  
2 abuse in a -- in a space that I was supposed to be safe,  
3 and I just said, enough already, and I knew that this was  
4 being asked of me, you know, as a woman at this time, you  
5 know, in order to take my power back.

6 So I did. I quit my job, and I said to the  
7 sun dance -- I -- I called a meeting with her, and I said  
8 to her, I'm not going to be a part of this sun dance  
9 anymore, and she looked at me and said, well, you wouldn't  
10 want anything to happen to your son. Yeah. And that was  
11 speaking to the ancestors, like, the energy -- I guess what  
12 we call bad medicine, you know? It's just like, I -- what  
13 was I involved in? What was I involved in if you're  
14 threatening my son? Like, just how naive was I to -- to  
15 get involved with -- with a ceremony that I thought was  
16 about love and supporting one another and connecting with  
17 Creator and praying for the people and the land and the  
18 animals, and -- and now you're telling me that if I leave  
19 that my son can be harmed? That was -- that -- I  
20 was -- I -- I knew in that moment that I had made the right  
21 decision.

22 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Yeah.

23 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Because she was speaking  
24 on an energetic level. I just want to speak to that  
25 because our ceremonies are very important to us, and we

1 have a lot of healing to do. Yes, like, I really believe  
2 that there is a relationship between the systems that are  
3 supposed to serve us, not serving us, and our own  
4 responsibility to ourselves to do our work. You know,  
5 in -- in doing my work, I realized that I have power and  
6 not power that I'm ever going to be able to access outside  
7 of myself, and I've also realized -- and this is only my  
8 truth -- that by accessing and -- and realizing and owning  
9 my power and my worth shifts my external experience, and  
10 part of that realizing this was attending a program called  
11 Clearmind. Clearmind is a program -- it's called  
12 transpersonal psychology, and it's a program where there's  
13 a very spiritual perspective and basically saying that our  
14 own experiences are connected to all experiences. You  
15 know, so there was a lot of that resonated for me in terms  
16 of all my relations that my experience wasn't just my own,  
17 and it also spoke about family systems work, so how  
18 patterns are passed through the generations, and some of  
19 that work in the first year was doing a genogram, and  
20 although even for myself I didn't have a lot of  
21 information, there was a lot of information in that lack of  
22 information about loss, how my system was rooted in grief  
23 and loss, and you could literally see and not necessarily  
24 in my genogram but in others' genograms, how  
25 patterns -- until somebody in that system shines the light

1 by just wanting to become more aware of -- of  
2 their -- their family history, nothing changes until  
3 somebody starts looking at those patterns, and it's -- it's  
4 been so profound and life-changing to see -- to see those  
5 connections, and -- and when you see the connection, then  
6 you can see, okay, well, this is how it's always been done,  
7 how can I do something differently? With literally by  
8 doing the opposite of what's been done.

9 **MS. AUDREY SIEGL:** M'hm.

10 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** So this program is  
11 unique in that. The first year, it's all a focus on you.  
12 Actually, your life is the curriculum, and a lot of the  
13 work is just gestalt-based, so it's experiential. So you  
14 bring every -- every week into the classroom. You bring  
15 what's happening in your own life into the classroom, and  
16 then the instructors will support you experientially to use  
17 your work to move through it. So you're learning the  
18 material, and you're living the material, and you're  
19 healing yourself because their -- their philosophy is that  
20 the best counsellors are the ones who've done the work  
21 themselves because you can only take a person as far as  
22 you're willing to go.

23 So that's the first year. Anyone can do the  
24 first year. That could just be, like, self-improvement.  
25 The second year is about our relationships to each other,

1 to the land, to -- just everything, how -- how connected we  
2 are in that way, and then the third year is leadership. So  
3 now -- and all of -- it's all done in house, so the  
4 third-years are counseling the first-years.

5 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Oh, okay.

6 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Yeah. And there's, like,  
7 a lot of, like, really neat, innovative experiential  
8 things, so as opposed to, like, reading a textbook, we  
9 had -- we'd do things like alter-ego weekend, so an alter  
10 ego weekend is where your classmates would identify  
11 what -- what traits you have cut off from, so if you don't  
12 usually use your voice, they're going to pick a character  
13 where you're going to use your voice, you know?

14 **(LAUGHTER)**

15 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** So --

16 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Mine's Janet  
17 Jackson.

18 **(LAUGHTER)**

19 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Nice.

20 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** No, I get  
21 this.

22 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Yeah. So they picked  
23 Sandra Bernhard for me --

24 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Okay.

25 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** -- because Sandra -- and

1       they wanted me to own my sexuality, so own it, not  
2       have -- not have somebody else tell me what I do with my  
3       body. I get to say what I do with my body. I get to use  
4       my voice. I say whatever because she's very,  
5       like -- she'll just tell you straight up, so they wanted me  
6       to own all that. Unfortunately where I was at in my own  
7       journey at that time, I didn't show up for that weekend  
8       because that's just kind of one of my patterns. You know,  
9       I don't show up. But yeah, so things like that, really  
10      innovative things like that, and this program has -- has  
11      literally been life-changing for me.

12                    So last year, we had the honour of walking  
13      the Highway of Tears in the Walk4Justice, and then -- and  
14      then we had the opportunity to support the hearings in  
15      Smithers, B.C., as health support, and I -- it was such an  
16      honour to walk that highway and to -- because I -- I'm,  
17      like, an experiential feeler. Like, I -- I -- it was  
18      profound in being able to have some idea of what it must  
19      be -- what it must have felt like to be on that highway.  
20      It's alone and isolating and no cell service, and there was  
21      this one part where I was walking with my sisters, and it  
22      goes around a mountain, and so normally if there was  
23      nowhere to walk, we'd walk on the highway, but you couldn't  
24      because it was very narrow and you'd die. All right?  
25      There was no -- there was no space for us to walk. So our

1           only other option was to kind of -- to walk on these train  
2           tracks, and a train had just come, so it was a train track  
3           that was being used, and I was scared. I was really  
4           scared. I remember turning to my sister and  
5           saying -- like, and I was crying. I was crying. I was  
6           like, jeez, when do we get to stop being afraid?

7                           **MS. AUDREY SIEGL:** M'hm.

8                           **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** And just really, like,  
9           getting a sense of just how scary that must have been and  
10          just -- it was a real honour and -- to -- to do that walk.

11                          So then I was being health support at the  
12          Smithers hearings, and I was -- I was in awe of this  
13          process. You know, I had my own reservations, especially  
14          working in grassroots organizations that were calling for  
15          the National Inquiry and doing that work with the Oppal  
16          Inquiry, as well, to now have it be here and questioning  
17          whether things were being done in a good way. And without  
18          a doubt -- and I -- I know things and I have a felt sense  
19          of things. I was in awe of the authenticity and the  
20          genuine concern for the lives of women and girls, and I  
21          felt called to be a part of it.

22                          And I -- I don't believe in coincidences. I  
23          know that each and every one of us who are sitting in this  
24          room today and each and every one of us who are part of  
25          this Inquiry has been called to be here, and I actually

1 believe in this -- this is only my truth -- that I have  
2 been prepared for this through my life experiences, and it  
3 is an honour and it is a privilege to hold space for  
4 stories. It's not -- it's not a job. It's a calling. Our  
5 women matter, and I want them no know that they matter --

6 **MS. MARY CRATE:** Yeah.

7 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** M'hm.

8 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** -- and our men matter,  
9 and I want them to know that they matter because them  
10 knowing that they matter will hopefully call them to do  
11 differently in terms of the way they treat women.

12 **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Yeah.

13 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** One thing I realized  
14 about my mother and her abusive relationship when I was in  
15 her womb was that it was two wounds of being unworthy  
16 interacting. His externalization of being unworthy was  
17 abusing. Her externalization of being unworthy was staying  
18 in it. So I want us all to know that we matter, and I want  
19 us to have opportunities to -- to know that and to have it  
20 reflected by society.

21 **MS. MARY CRATE:** Yeah.

22 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** It begins with us,  
23 absolutely, but reflect -- society needs to reflect that  
24 back to us that we matter. It can be this relationship  
25 where we work together, and I believe that we -- we need

1 more programs to be accessible, like Clearmind, and I  
2 believe that we need opportunities to -- to have that time,  
3 you know? So for example, if a healing center is opened,  
4 women and children or men, whatever that looks like,  
5 they -- they need that time to possibly bring their  
6 children with them --

7 **MS. AUDREY SIEGL:** M'hm.

8 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** -- and have maybe three  
9 months or, I don't know, longer to focus solely on their  
10 healing, you know, and not have to open that up and then  
11 close it and then go back to their life. No. Let it be  
12 open, be supportive, be witness in that, be connected in  
13 that, and when you're ready -- it's almost like when you're  
14 ready, even, when you're ready then. I really -- I really  
15 feel that there's -- there is a need and that we are being  
16 called for this really intensive healing.

17 And then there's the other part where the  
18 system and -- systems and governments have to -- have to do  
19 their work, have to do their work and work on the policy so  
20 that -- there's an -- our work and their work is in  
21 alignment.

22 **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Yeah.

23 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** And the  
24 Clearmind program, who ran that?

25 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** I'm forgetting the

1 founder's name. It's a private --

2 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Okay.

3 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Yeah, it's a private.

4 What else do I want to say? My daughter  
5 is -- despite what she needed growing up, she is one of the  
6 most wisest and strong -- she's strong and she is doing  
7 things differently. She is. She's a beautiful singer, an  
8 amazing singer, but again, like, not believing, that wound  
9 that's been passed down that she's not worthy, we're not  
10 worthy, especially amongst the women. She doesn't believe  
11 in herself enough to embrace her gift, and she's still very  
12 angry at me, and she has a right to be, you know, and I've  
13 tried to hold space for her to say, okay, this is your  
14 time. This is your time to let me know exactly how my  
15 behavior impacted you. That doesn't mean you get to take  
16 that out all the time. This is your time, and if you need  
17 more time, then let's consciously do that.

18 My son, I -- there's, like, a sense of  
19 wanting to coddle him in ways that he grows up to be this  
20 loving, nurturing man, you know, and at the same time, I  
21 have to remember that that's -- that's not his burden to  
22 carry either, you know? Like, he doesn't have to be  
23 responsible for every man's -- every -- all the harm that  
24 has been caused by males. You know, that's not his  
25 responsibility, so I'm trying to be mindful of that as

1 well. He's very sensitive. He's super caring. Like, he  
2 just says some things, it's like, huh? How old are you?  
3 Like, at 4 years old, he said to me, love is a gift and it  
4 goes to Mommy. Did you read that off a Hallmark card?

5 (LAUGHTER)

6 MS. TERRIEA WADUD: You know, I've struggled  
7 with trust, and I've struggled with relationships, you  
8 know, and -- and a lot of that is a survivor, is -- what I  
9 realize, also, through Clearmind is -- is how my own  
10 behavior was sabotaging my happiness, and it makes sense  
11 why I was acting in those ways, but I was sabotaging my  
12 happiness; my inability to trust, so you need to control  
13 everything to -- to feel like I'm creating safety, but it's  
14 actually pushing people away.

15 So that was another huge piece to not just  
16 see what the systems were doing but to see how I was now as  
17 an adult contributing to my suffering, contributing  
18 to -- what I was wanting was to be seen, heard, and  
19 connected, and yet the behaviors that I had learned was  
20 doing the opposite, so that was -- that's been really huge  
21 to gain, just have that awareness and say, okay, that's  
22 happening again, I'm doing that again.

23 I'm learning to trust. I'm learning to let  
24 love in, and that's a journey, and I imagine it's going to  
25 continue to be a journey, and I think that's all I have to

1 say for now.

2 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Can I ask you  
3 some questions?

4 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** M'hm.

5 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** I want to talk  
6 a little bit about the grassroots organizations, and I'll  
7 be blunt with you because you know me.

8 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Yeah.

9 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** That's how I  
10 do. So many people, especially grassroots organizations  
11 say, well, we are the solution, we know what's wrong, you  
12 just have to give us the resources to do it.

13 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** M'hm.

14 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** And you're not  
15 the first person to share with me that these -- some of  
16 these grassroots organizations, although well intentioned,  
17 it's -- there's toxicity, and they are part of --

18 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** M'hm.

19 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** -- the  
20 industrialization and commoditization of the violence  
21 against Indigenous women.

22 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Yeah. Yes. Yes. It's  
23 big business.

24 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Do you have  
25 thoughts on why that's happening at the grassroots level?

1 I mean, I think we can say it's happening at the Indigenous  
2 organization levels, too, at the NIOs, at the band  
3 councils, at the -- you know --

4 **MS AUDREY SIEGL:** (Indiscernible).

5 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** -- the NY  
6 (ph) -- whatever. It's -- it's -- and I think Bernie might  
7 just have spelled it out with the wiggle of her fingers.

8 **(LAUGHTER)**

9 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Yes. Yes. It -- I -- it  
10 is big -- big business. It is definitely -- it's big  
11 business, you know, and -- but that's created. It's been  
12 created that way. Right? It just didn't happen to be that  
13 way. We've been pitted against each other, you know, with  
14 western values of competition and, you know, survival of  
15 the fittest. You know? We've internalized those colonial  
16 values, and we're all just trying to survive. You know,  
17 one thing I -- I wanted to say was I -- I had a job in  
18 Vancouver, B.C., and yet I was living pay cheque to pay  
19 cheque. When I was laid off, I was homeless.

20 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Yeah.

21 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Like, I'm living -- I'm  
22 doing what you want me to do, and yet where is my  
23 sustainability in that? I was literally homeless. I had  
24 to end up renting a room. It -- it was an okay experience.  
25 It was a collective house, but, like, that's crazy, and

1 even today, you know, I could lose my job and not be able  
2 to pay my \$2,000 rent because that's what rent is in  
3 Vancouver. You know? So even those who are doing what  
4 we're supposed to be doing, there's no guarantee of our  
5 safety or our family's well-being.

6 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** And that's a  
7 lot to do with how these programs are funded as well.

8 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** M'hm.

9 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** It becomes a  
10 divide-and-conquer over this small pot of money that's made  
11 available for the projects year by year that the state's  
12 willing to support.

13 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Exactly. And now -- I  
14 mean, one thing that was shifting towards the end of my  
15 work experience with BWSS was grants were actually calling  
16 for organizations to collaborate, so in theory you're  
17 writing that down on paper, you know, and we'd have  
18 collaborations. The reality was a lot different. Like,  
19 for example, you'd have a sex trade exiting program, and in  
20 theory all of these organizations were supposed to be  
21 working together to make it happen, and the reality is when  
22 you get in that room with all those other organizations,  
23 too much time is being spent on arguing --

24 **MS. BERNIE WILLIAMS:** Yeah.

25 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** -- with each other, so

1 our own stuff being in the room than the whole intention of  
2 the program.

3 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Yeah.

4 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** So it's not working.

5 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** It's  
6 like -- we talk sovereignty, but it's still economics.

7 **MS. BERNIE WILLIAMS:** Yeah.

8 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** And if you  
9 keep trying to create sovereignty through economics --

10 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Yeah.

11 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** -- you'll  
12 never get there.

13 **MS. BERNIE WILLIAMS:** Mm-mm.

14 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** No. No.

15 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** So what do we  
16 do? I think you talked a lot about healing, and I think --

17 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** M'hm.

18 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** -- we heard  
19 from -- this week here in Winnipeg, we heard from Amy  
20 Bombay the importance of that healing and that time, and  
21 you touched on that.

22 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Yes. Absolutely,  
23 because even if -- you know, I know we're calling  
24 for -- for us to -- to have the money to heal our people  
25 and to support our children and to identify what works for

1           our children in terms of healing family dynamics and  
2           dysfunction. What was I going to say to that? Sorry.  
3           Could you --

4                       **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Well --

5                       **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** -- maybe say something  
6           to bring -- bring me back?

7                       **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Yeah. Just,  
8           you know, these organizations, there's definitely the time  
9           needed to heal individually --

10                      **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Yes.

11                      **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** -- and  
12           cognitively.

13                      **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Yes.

14                      **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** And I think  
15           time to breathe. One of the things that has been brought  
16           up other places -- and Audrey's going to laugh at this  
17           one -- there's always the poverty and economic security,  
18           and then you'll have some people say, well, that's why we  
19           need pipelines, that's why we need these mines, et cetera,  
20           blah, blah, blah. One of the things that I've been  
21           thinking about and other people have talked about it is a  
22           guaranteed income --

23                      **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Yes.

24                      **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** -- security --

25                      **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Yes.

1                   **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** -- and I see  
2                   that as being so essential to that time to breathe --

3                   **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Yes.

4                   **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** -- and the  
5                   time to heal.

6                   **MS. AUDREY SIEGL:** Uh-huh.

7                   **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** And also just  
8                   how we take care of each other as humans.

9                   **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Yeah. Yes. Yes,  
10                  because you know, even -- so we're calling for us to -- to  
11                  do the work for ourselves, but giving -- giving that money  
12                  and the work's not being done, that's a recipe for  
13                  disaster.

14                  **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Yeah.

15                  **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** So exactly, having that  
16                  guaranteed income, having that ability, to have that time  
17                  to do that work in a good way, be connected, create a sense  
18                  of belonging, and then move that forward; from that place,  
19                  move it forward.

20                  **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** And once  
21                  we -- once there's the ability and capacity to move  
22                  forward, and every -- people are -- across the country at  
23                  their different stages, one of the things we hear is about  
24                  the independence in doing that, right? So the grassroots  
25                  organizations, I get the sense that there's some of that

1 dysfunction and lateral violence because of that.

2 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** M'hm.

3 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** How do -- I  
4 guess the question is -- maybe useless because we need to  
5 go through those first steps before you take the next --

6 **MS. BERNIE WILLIAMS:** M'hm.

7 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** M'hm.

8 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** -- and then  
9 you'll know when those first steps are taken.

10 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** M'hm.

11 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** So I'll shut  
12 up now.

13 **(LAUGHTER)**

14 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** And that's why I really  
15 feel that healing centres is what is needed right now. We  
16 just need that time, that time to heal, that time to  
17 remember the truth about us. None of this other stuff is  
18 the truth, you know? Our Creator would not -- our Creator  
19 knows that we are love. You know, the truth of us is that  
20 we are love and we matter and we're important, and we need  
21 to remember that first and then do everything from that  
22 place of value.

23 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** That's right.

24 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Everything will flow  
25 from there.

1                   **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Yeah.

2                   **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Just give us that time  
3 and that resources to do that in our ways -- other ways  
4 too. Like, I've had the honour and blessing of connecting  
5 with many different healing modalities, and I think that we  
6 shouldn't assume that what works for me is going to work  
7 for the next person.

8                   **MS. BERNIE WILLIAMS:** That's right.

9                   **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** There are people out  
10 there who don't want -- maybe don't want to do Indigenous  
11 ways for whatever their reason is. There's other ways.  
12 There's yoga. There's Buddhism. Have it. You know, maybe  
13 even have the option of some -- of different -- different  
14 modalities for the individual to choose from.

15                   **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Yeah. M'hm.

16                   **MS. AUDREY SIEGL:** M'hm.

17                   **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** And I think  
18 what you guys have taught me, particularly on the health  
19 team, is that's what trauma-informed is. Trauma is taking  
20 away the choice.

21                   **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Yes.

22                   **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Trauma is  
23 taking away -- it's that surprise, it's that helplessness,  
24 hopelessness, and what's so key in -- in doing that on its  
25 head is making that choice and empowerment central to

1           whatever's done next.

2                       **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Exactly. Exactly. To  
3           not assume that we know what is best. You know, just  
4           be -- I might be like, oh, this is -- this is best because  
5           it's worked for me, but I can't assume that because this  
6           has worked for me -- and not to say that I haven't at  
7           certain times --

8                                       **(LAUGHTER)**

9                       **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** -- I'm still  
10          human -- that this is best for Tim, you know?

11                      **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** I don't think  
12          I have any other questions. Thank you.

13                      **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Yeah, and I guess the  
14          only other thing I would say is the -- the child welfare  
15          system is a risk factor. I want to -- I want to on the  
16          record identify that. It's a risk factor for violence  
17          against Indigenous women and girls.

18                      **MS. MARY CRATE:** Yes.

19                      **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** And it's not working.  
20          It's a continuation of the residential school system.

21                      **MS. MARY CRATE:** Yes.

22                      **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** There is no sense of  
23          care -- like, broad sense of care and attention. I mean,  
24          yes, there are certain individuals who you can feel a sense  
25          of safety with; overall, no, and it's a system that you

1 just want to get away from. So where do you get away from  
2 it to?

3 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Yeah.

4 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** To places like the  
5 streets and pimps.

6 **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Yes.

7 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** So...

8 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Who know --

9 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Who know. Yes.

10 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** -- that what  
11 that institution is not giving you --

12 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Yeah.

13 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** -- was that  
14 love and belonging.

15 **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** That's right.

16 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Exactly.

17 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** And that's how  
18 they rope you in.

19 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Exactly.

20 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Yeah.

21 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** So that -- that needs to  
22 be completely dismantled.

23 **MS. AUDREY SIEGL:** To its knees.

24 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** To its knees.

25 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** To its knees.

1                   **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** And I think that that's  
2 all I want to say other than thank you very much to each  
3 and every one of you.

4                   **MS. MARY CRATE:** Thank you for sharing your  
5 truth. Yes. I got -- I learned a lot from you too.  
6 Learned a lot from you, too, how to continue to do my work  
7 as an Elder for the young people. *Miigwetch* and (speaking  
8 in Ojibway).

9                   **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Thank you.

10                   **MS. BERNIE WILLIAMS:** You know,  
11 Commissioner, I -- that's one of the reasons why -- and I  
12 think Audrey can speak the same, you know, because her and  
13 I have spoken so much -- is the importance of having some  
14 of our grassroots like this on those panels, why -- you  
15 know, and this is what -- I'm sorry, Creator, but I'm  
16 really pissed about this.

17                                   **(LAUGHTER)**

18                   **MS. BERNIE WILLIAMS:** It -- it doesn't  
19 take -- I love Cindy Blackstock, I love the -- you know,  
20 but you know what? We're the grassroots.

21                   **MS. MARY CRATE:** (Speaking in Native  
22 language).

23                   **MS. BERNIE WILLIAMS:** I don't need people,  
24 like -- pysch -- what's --

25                   **MS. AUDREY SIEGL:** Neurology.

1 COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON: Yeah, yeah.

2 MS. BERNIE WILLIAMS: Well, you know what I  
3 mean.

4 COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON: I know exactly  
5 what you mean.

6 MS. BERNIE WILLIAMS: I don't need to look  
7 at fricking books and that.

8 COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON: Yeah.

9 MS. BERNIE WILLIAMS: Well, you know,  
10 Skundaal -- just like what you said. I have a T-shirt that  
11 says "stop trying to fix me."

12 MS. MARY CRATE: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON: M'hm.

14 MS. BERNIE WILLIAMS: Your other medicines,  
15 your lithium, your Paxil, you -- you know what? Thank you  
16 for giving it to me, but I'm good to go. I don't need that  
17 shit.

18 (LAUGHTER)

19 MS. BERNIE WILLIAMS: This is where  
20 the -- you know, these people need to be educated by us.

21 COMMISSIONER ROBINSON: Yeah.

22 MS. BERNIE WILLIAMS: Because we know what's  
23 broken.

24 MS. TERRIEA WADUD: M'hm.

25 MS. BERNIE WILLIAMS: And that health,

1 healing, and wellness centre, I -- I listened to Harriet  
2 (ph) and Reta (ph) and them for almost 40 years. We need  
3 to have these spiritual healers come in.

4 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Yeah.

5 **MS. BERNIE WILLIAMS:** We don't need  
6 to -- like, you know?

7 **(LAUGHTER)**

8 **MS. BERNIE WILLIAMS:** Like, she was talking  
9 about -- do you know how much I get in shit in the Downtown  
10 Eastside because I tell them -- even [Woman 1] from  
11 [Organization 1]. I -- well done, I said. Your home is  
12 paid for off the backs. I don't give a shit anymore.

13 **(LAUGHTER)**

14 **MS. BERNIE WILLIAMS:** [Woman 2] from the  
15 [Organization 2]. Your home is paid for? Well done. Off  
16 our backs. Why am I having to pay such astronomical rent  
17 when you listen to her, when you listen to Audrey? We  
18 speak the same thing.

19 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Yeah.

20 **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** M'hm.

21 **MS. BERNIE WILLIAMS:** We have worked for  
22 them.

23 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Yeah.

24 **MS. BERNIE WILLIAMS:** They haven't done  
25 nothing for us except, you know, collect -- who gets paid



1                   **MS. MARY CRATE:** That's right.

2                   **MS. BERNIE WILLIAMS:** -- with the work I've  
3 done. How come I'm not being paid, you know, 45 to 50, 50  
4 bucks an hour, you know? I'm a big risk to these  
5 organizations. They will never hire me. I'm a liability.  
6 They should be, you know, embracing us to come in --

7                   **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Because it  
8 maintains the status quo.

9                   **MS. BERNIE WILLIAMS:** Exactly. So I get to  
10 live in poverty just like her. It's from paycheque to  
11 paycheque. You never know when that's going to be pulled  
12 from you. At my age now, there's talk about me not being  
13 able to go back. You know how scary that is? I feel what  
14 she feels, and she's younger than me. But these guys that  
15 are all presenting and they all come in -- like, I -- I  
16 walk out of the rooms now because you know what? We've  
17 been saying this for how many decades, but because you got  
18 a Ph.D., you matter. We don't.

19                   **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Or you're  
20 published in an article --

21                   **MS. BERNIE WILLIAMS:** All right.

22                   **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** -- that the  
23 Government will then decide to read because it's  
24 peer-reviewed and therefore legitimate.

25                   **MS. BERNIE WILLIAMS:** And why isn't our

1 spiritual Elders up there, you know, on the topic, you  
2 know, of holistics?

3 **TERRIEA WADUD:** M'hm.

4 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** M'hm.

5 **MS. BERNIE WILLIAMS:** You know? This is  
6 where it's going to work. I mean, if I want to do yogi,  
7 whatever, who decides for me?

8 **(LAUGHTER)**

9 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Yogi. Yogi's a bear --

10 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Can you --

11 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** -- by the way.

12 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Can you?

13 **MS. BERNIE WILLIAMS:** But, you know, this is  
14 where it is, and I'm -- I'm -- you know, I mean absolutely  
15 no disrespect to -- you know, to the panelist, but this is  
16 it.

17 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Yeah. And

18 that's --

19 **MS. BERNIE WILLIAMS:** Right here.

20 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** -- why I'm  
21 here, and...

22 **MS. BERNIE WILLIAMS:** You know.

23 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Thank you. There's one  
24 more thing I just wanted to say that Tim reminded me of.  
25 So I miscarried a month ago, and I just wanted to speak a

1 bit to the experience with the health care system and that  
2 too. First of all when it was first happening, we were  
3 sent home, and it was -- it was horrific, and I was almost  
4 hemorrhaging, and we had to call 911 again, and the  
5 paramedic had said to us, you shouldn't have been sent  
6 home. This happened to me and my wife. You shouldn't have  
7 been sent home.

8 So he actually brought us to a different  
9 hospital, and just the real -- and I understand. So I want  
10 to acknowledge that in the health care system, so I don't  
11 know what can happen with that, but they are overloaded,  
12 overworked, and there was just a real lack of empathy. It  
13 was so --

14 **MS. MARY CRATE:** Cold.

15 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** -- so cold. Yeah. So  
16 very cold. I mean, they had -- because I was still going  
17 through it when I was there, the doctor had said to me that  
18 she thought it would be best if I had a D and C to clear  
19 out whatever else was left because I was almost  
20 hemorrhaging at home. We had to wait for that surgery, and  
21 we waited in the maternity ward, you know? Like, so here I  
22 am going through this, and there -- there -- I'm on a bed  
23 going through a -- a hallway with pictures of babies and  
24 pregnant women, and -- you know, and then we had to wait  
25 there, you know, for a couple hours before -- you know,

1 and -- it was a -- loss is loss, and -- it was very cold.

2 And then, like, there's always like -- she's  
3 talking to us about, oh, well, you could get pregnant again  
4 right away. It's this -- the biggest moment for me was  
5 when I got out of the surgery and the nurse, she says,  
6 little one, little one, I'm very sorry for your loss, and  
7 that was so meaningful to just have it acknowledged, and it  
8 wasn't acknowledged the whole time, you know?

9 So any -- and just to finish up, you know,  
10 yes, many of our experiences and family systems are rooted  
11 in grief and loss. My legacy is not going to be loss. You  
12 know? My legacy is not going to be loss, and I'm going to  
13 own that and claim that, and I just want all of our people  
14 to do that, and that's it.

15 **MS. MARY CRATE:** I just want you to know  
16 that I love you.

17 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** I love you too.

18 **MS. MARY CRATE:** Okay.

19 **MS. BERNIE WILLIAMS:** We rise.

20 **MS. TIAR WILSON:** Do you want anything?

21 **COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON:** Say a little  
22 bit. I -- I can picture the streets of Toronto because  
23 that's where my dad's mom was from -- my dad's mom's side  
24 of the family was from. I grew up in Igloolik, though,  
25 northern (indiscernible), so I know Toronto, Oshawa,

1 Scarborough, those streets, because I walked them in the  
2 summertimes when I'd come visit my nana and my dad's side.  
3 My mom's side, a French-Canadian woman, her family was from  
4 Montreal, so I visited her, walked those streets, so I can  
5 picture where you were.

6 I don't know how our paths met here, and  
7 when I was asked to be a commissioner, I didn't know why,  
8 but same thing. You get a calling, and you can't -- you  
9 can't walk away.

10 So here we are. I want to thank you for  
11 sharing with me your truth. I've been so mad, at the  
12 brink -- I was telling, I want to do pushups or punch  
13 something. I just -- since the first day I met you, you've  
14 emanated love and strength, and the first day I met you in  
15 Vancouver, I didn't know you, but that's what I felt from  
16 you since day one, and what you shared today and also what  
17 you shared about this process, what we've created together  
18 helped answer -- answer one of my questions a little bit as  
19 to the why, so I thank you for that.

20 I'm not going to talk a whole lot more.  
21 It's not my time, but I just cannot emphasize enough how  
22 much it means to me to walk with you, to stand with you,  
23 all of you, and then for you to want to share with me and  
24 to honour -- give me the honour of being present here with  
25 you, and you connected so many dots today and as we've

1 walked, and I want to share that with you. Thank you.

2 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** And I just want to say  
3 men like my partner Timothy give me hope.

4 **MS. MARY CRATE:** Yay, Timothy.

5 **(LAUGHTER)**

6 **MS. MARY CRATE:** We love you. We love you.

7 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Okay. That's it.

8 **MS. AUDREY SIEGL:** We did the -- the  
9 feather. Bernie cleaned out the cases because it's been a  
10 fiasco for the last few cities, and we found one of  
11 the -- can I touch it?

12 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Yes. Of course.

13 **MS. AUDREY SIEGL:** When we had some of the  
14 first expert panels and witnesses, the only feathers we had  
15 left were white feathers, and I will tell you, it is a job  
16 to find feathers, and the white feathers, as it was shared  
17 with us I believe in Winnipeg, they're the -- they're the  
18 feathers for the warriors.

19 **MS. MARY CRATE:** Yes.

20 **MS. AUDREY SIEGL:** And before they go to  
21 battle, a feather is given to them, and I know that there  
22 are -- there are probably many different teachings about  
23 the white feathers and so many -- so many other aspects of  
24 culture and spirituality, and I saw that it was wrapped in  
25 this -- and I picked this fabric because I loved it, and I

1 wanted for the feathers -- once we finished the community  
2 hearings, I wanted the feathers to be wrapped in something  
3 different because it was different work that was happening,  
4 and when Bernie said look, look -- look what's here, and  
5 then when we were getting ready for last night, I saw it  
6 and I thought getting ready to go to battle. You did it.

7 When I was rushing you off, I asked Tim and  
8 then I asked Terriea, I said, did you call your people,  
9 because usually when people call their peoples, they come.  
10 No, no. And then I looked, and then I told her, I said,  
11 they're -- they're lining the room, and she shared about  
12 some of her family history and what I -- do you know who  
13 they are in here, who came for you?

14 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** No.

15 **MS. AUDREY SIEGL:** A room full of men --

16 **MS. MARY CRATE:** M'hm.

17 **MS. AUDREY SIEGL:** -- coming to stand here  
18 to make this space safe and to honour you for the work that  
19 you're doing for you and, as we know, for all of the women  
20 who came before you, and they're not going anywhere. They  
21 have stood silent watching and listening and pushing this  
22 energy out so you can do your work. The balance has  
23 started, and the balance continues.

24 **MS. MARY CRATE:** *Hay hay.*

25 **MS. AUDREY SIEGL:** The beauty that is in the

1 relationship between men and women, and it has nothing to  
2 do with sex.

3 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** No.

4 **MS. MARY CRATE:** That's right.

5 **MS. AUDREY SIEGL:** The balance of that is  
6 coming for you now, and they're here to mark that, and  
7 also -- so they take -- they're taking -- what all those  
8 other men did to you, they're taking it. It's not yours  
9 now.

10 **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Okay.

11 **MS. AUDREY SIEGL:** And this feather is  
12 because as Bernie -- in the time I've known her -- because  
13 we are the red women rising, we are warrior women, and we  
14 fight on all different fronts, and some are on the land in  
15 the front lines in different places, and some are on the  
16 land in the front line in others, so because of the work  
17 you do and because you are a warrior and because you  
18 fucking deserve it, that's -- that's yours.

19 **MS. MARY CRATE:** (Indiscernible) pray  
20 (indiscernible). (Speaking in Native language). *Hay hay.*

21 **MS. MARY CRATE:** *Hay hay.*

22 **MR. TIM ELIJAH:** *Haw'aa.*

23 **MS. MARY CRATE:** Can you -- I present you  
24 this feather. (Speaking in Native language). That means  
25 "warrior woman" in the purest way. (Speaking in Native

1 language).

2 MS. TERRIEA WADUD: Thank you.

3 (CHEERING)

4 MS. BERNIE WILLIAMS: (Unreportable sound).

5 (LAUGHTER)

6 MS. TIAR WILSON: So --

7 MS. BERNIE WILLIAMS: (Unreportable sound).

8 (LAUGHTER)

9 MS. TIAR WILSON: Close off?

10 COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON: Yeah. Yeah.

11 MS. BERNIE WILLIAMS: Sorry.

12 COMMISSIONER QAJAQ ROBINSON: She's got to  
13 close.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible).

15 MS. TIAR WILSON: You know, everybody's said  
16 everything, but I just -- it's nice to be in here today.  
17 It's kind of funny, actually, because I actually wasn't on  
18 the schedule. It was supposed to be a different statement  
19 gatherer, but it -- like you said, you know, we're supposed  
20 to be where we're supposed to be, and I just wanted to  
21 acknowledge -- you know, you -- you said that you always  
22 felt like you didn't have a voice, and today I heard a very  
23 powerful voice.

24 MS. MARY CRATE: (Unreportable sound).

25 MS. TERRIEA WADUD: Thank you.

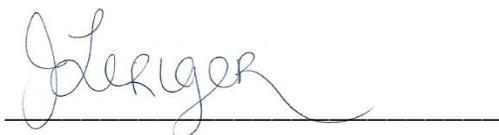
1                   **MS. TIAR WILSON:** You know, you -- you've  
2 had it, and I'm -- and I'm glad that you're starting to see  
3 it, and you need to use it more, so thank you.

4                   **MS. TERRIEA WADUD:** Thank you.

5                   **MS. TIAR WILSON:** (Speaking in Native  
6 language). With that, I'd just like to say that it's  
7 1:08 p.m. on Wednesday, October 3rd, 2018. It's Tiar  
8 Wilson here at the Fort Garry Hotel in Winnipeg, Manitoba,  
9 and we are closing Terriea's session. Thank you.  
10 --- Upon adjourning at 1:08 p.m.

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Jenessa Leriger

October 25, 2018