

Dearest Grand & Toy Waterloo:

Every year, Grand & Toy sells millions of dollars worth of paper products sourced from Grassy Narrows' traditional territory. The millions of trees necessary as raw material for these products are taken using highly mechanized industrial techniques which destroy trap lines, eliminate berry and medicine patches, damage the soils, and disrupt wildlife populations and game animals. In early 2007, Grassy Narrows community leaders declared a moratorium on all industrial activity within their traditional territory without community consent, yet one year later Grand & Toy continues to profit from the logging of Grassy Narrows and the destruction of an Ontarian community.

We declare ourselves as standing in solidarity with the community of Grassy Narrows and wish to extend to Grand & Toy the opportunity to express their commitment to no longer purchase paper unethically taken from the forests of Grassy Narrows. We ask that Grand & Toy's Waterloo-based Sales Office remain closed for the morning of Wednesday, January 30th in a display of solidarity on the date of the International day of Action for Grassy Narrows and Indigenous Self-Determination.

As residents of Ontario as well as concerned individuals we believe that the moratorium on Grassy Narrows' land must be respected and ask the businesses in our community to respect and to share our belief in the right of native peoples to self-determination.

We look forward to your response and would appreciate the opportunity to discuss any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

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