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Re: Legislative Assembly Disruption on Monday, November 20, 2023

Dear Ms. Herman,

As Official Critic for Democracy and Deputy House Leader, I am reaching out about a serious matter that has come to the attention of members of the Saskatchewan NDP Caucus.

On November 22, 2023, House Leader Jeremy Harrison reported the following to the House, as outlined at page 4754 of Hansard:

And during this event, Mr. Speaker, members were locked in a secure location. Protocols were followed by security, by members. And we didn't know what was going to happen next, Mr. Speaker. [...] MLAs and cabinet ministers were limited in their movement of the Assembly because we were locked in a secure location during the occupation.

Saskatchewan NDP Caucus members were not locked in a secure location. Saskatchewan NDP Caucus members were not asked to follow any protocols, or even informed of any. In fact, Saskatchewan NDP Caucus members continued to roam about the building, visiting with guests. For example, the Member for Regina Rosemont went upstairs to speak with three attending school groups.

Mr. Harrison's account suggests Government members received different treatment from Legislative District Security Unit staff than Saskatchewan NDP Caucus members.

Members of the Saskatchewan NDP Caucus are understandably concerned and seeking clarification.

I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

Meara Conway
Critic for Democracy/ Deputy House Leader

cc: Hon. Speaker Randy Weekes
Sergeant at Arms Lyall Frederiksen
Hon. Paul Merriman, Minister of Corrections, Policing, Public Safety

