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Since 1977, the Seventh Generation Fund for Indigenous Peoples has been and continues to be fully committed to the traditional values and practices that assure individual and collective health, safety, and well-being. Our leadership understands that due to historic and contemporary traumas stemming from ongoing colonialism, many of our own people are deeply wounded and unbalanced. We recognize that hurt people – hurt people. Sadly, it is often Indigenous women, and those in community and organizational leadership positions who are most targeted for attacks. These violations, which can take the form of direct threats, assault, and harassment, cause deep harm to our communities, each other, and our future generations. We also express serious concern about the increase and accelerating intensity of lateral violence perpetrated within Indigenous communities by our own Peoples. Let us not do the colonizers work for them; our Ancestors did not survive near annihilation so that we would destroy ourselves or each other.

From decades of experience in the field, Seventh Generation Fund is also acutely aware of how mega-industries, the alt-right, and other oppressive and extractive systems, which are attacking our lands, waters, cultures, and Peoples, manufacture and launch misinformation and trauma-based campaigns as low-intensity warfare against those who stand in their way. They try to destabilize our organizations, dismantle leaders, and undermine the strategic ground of Indigenous movements linking together in solidarity across continents and around the world.

Our leadership stands undeterred in our commitment to our President, CEO, and others in the organization, as well as the organization itself. We understand the spiritual dimension of this centuries-long struggle and urge everyone to abide by the teachings of respect, compassion, and integrity in all matters. Seventh Generation Fund remains focused on our pathways set by our founders to rebuild, support, and sustain the traditional values, practices, relationships, and the collective spirit of our Peoples for positive futures.

In the spirit of our lifelong ancestral teachings, we take this opportunity to send our heartfelt wishes of understanding and peace to our human family that walks this beautiful loving Earth.

Dr. Henrietta Mann, Chairperson
for the Board of Directors

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