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The We Wai Kai First Nation sends Jody Wilson-Raybould its heartfelt support following a motion by its membership this past Saturday in Campbell River to issue a public statement.

Wilson-Raybould was Canada's first indigenous Attorney General before being reassigned to the Department of Veteran Affairs by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. She later resigned from Cabinet and has not spoken publicly about the situation, which involves criminal charges against SNC Lavalin.

Wilson-Raybould is a member of the WeWaiKai First Nation and her traditional name, Puglaas, means "Woman With Integrity".

In a previous press release, the We Wai Kai First Nation stated; "Jody is a proud member of the WeWaiKai Nation and served her community as a member of Council prior to her being elected as the Liberal Party Member of Parliament for Vancouver Granville before becoming the first indigenous woman to serve as the Attorney General of Canada."

Brian Assu, Chief Councilor of the We Wai Kai Nation, added his sentiments as well. "Our hearts and thoughts are with Puglaas at this very challenging time in her career as a public servant. We know her integrity well and our entire Nation gives her our love and support as she moves forward." he said. "Our membership knows best of all how much she has contributed to strengthening our country and we need to keep people like her in leadership roles."

Part of the message also included words from elder Nancy Chickite, who stated, "We want everyone to know we love you Puglaas, keep your head up high."