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Dear Witness to Injustice (WTI) participant,

We are very happy to welcome you to this interactive experience. We hope that you feel supported and informed as you participate with us during the Witness to Injustice Program. All are welcome to participate, and we particularly encourage those who are Indigenous to this land to let our facilitator team know. This will allow our Team (made up of both Indigenous and non-Indigenous members) to better support you during the program. Everyone should read this entire email as it will outline how to best participate. We want this to be a good experience for everyone who is attending.

First of all, thank you for your openness and engagement to help balance the lens by which we have been taught history; it is vital to understanding & changing our world for the future.

Etiquette - We ask that participants give full attention to our Witness to Injustice program facilitators, that you plan to arrive on time and to stay for the entire program, and that you turn off your cell phones!

What to expect – By using quotes, historical information and the blankets to represent the land, we explore the shared history of Turtle Island (North America) starting with the first European contact. We rarely learn this history from the point of view of the Indigenous Peoples. Our program helps participants deepen their understanding of European colonization, its continuing effects, the theft of the land and waters of Turtle Island, and the ongoing denial of Indigenous peoples nationhood. It encourages participants to step up and see what they can do in their communities to end systemic racism and support Indigenous rights.

We have at least one emotional support person as part of each WTI team. This person is there in case any of the participants (or WTI Team Members) would like to speak with someone privately during the program.

We look forward to seeing you soon, and, also encourage you continue learning to be an ally to the original people on this land by going to the Onondaga Nation website, the Neighbors of the Onondaga Nation (NOON) website, reading from the Resource list that will be provided, and calling to schedule a visit to the Skā-noñh Great Law of Peace Center, on Onondaga Lake Parkway, Liverpool, NY. The Skā-noñh Center will give you more education about Haudenosaunee culture and history.

In peace and friendship,

The Witness to Injustice Team