

GANADA GRASSY NARROWS YOUTH

Campaigning against mercury poisoning

Young people from the Grassy Narrows First Nation in northwest Ontario are fighting for a healthy future for themselves and their community.

In the 1960s, a pulp mill upstream dumped an estimated nine tonnes of mercury into the river system, contaminating the fish and making them dangerous to eat. For the community it was devastating: fishing was a vital part of their way of life. Generations of young people grew up with serious health problems and lost their cultural traditions. The government has done little to address what is currently Canada's worst health crisis.

In 2017, the government promised to deal with the mercury crisis 'once and for all'. This would mean cleaning up the river, offering the community specialised health care and providing compensation. The young people of the Grassy Narrows First Nation are determined to hold the government to its promise.

EVERY MESSAGE COUNTS Together we can support the Grassy Narrows youth fight for justice

SEND A MESSAGE OF SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY

Grassy Narrows youth c/o Amnesty International Canada 312 Laurier Avenue East Ottawa Ontario Canada K1N 1H9

Language English or Anishinaabe

Suggested messages Justice for Grassy Narrows Grassy Narrows – we're with you Mercury justice now **#Freegrassy** We support the youth of Grassy Narrows Creative action Share environmental or nature conservation work in your community.

CAN I

- Send a religious card or message? No
- Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty? Yes
- Include my name and address? No

SEND AN APPEAL LETTER

Tell the Prime Minister to provide the Grassy Narrows First Nation with specialist health care and compensation.

Write to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau Office of the Prime Minister 80 Wellington Street Ottawa, Ontario CANADA K1A 0A2 Salutation Dear Prime Minister In your letter ask him

- To provide specialised health care for survivors of mercury poisoning at Grassy Narrows
- To compensate all community members for the impacts of mercury poisoning
- To formally acknowledge that the Grassy Narrows youth are suffering from mercury poisoning.



