

To who it may concern.

I "Stephanie Ricard" is writing to you today do to the offence that occurred on April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022 at Pete's Bay in Vankia Ontario. I was fishing with my boyfriend and his two siblings and his brother's girlfriend. That morning my boyfriend and I went to Longlake 58 for some gas, it did not drive so I left the remainder of my ID at home and just took my Indian status card with me. Did what we had to do then came back home and got our gear to go fishing on Pete's Bay that afternoon as it was a beautiful day. We proceeded to the lake. Dugged our holes we needed. The others showed up and did the same. The CO officer showed up. Asked if we had caught any fish. 3 people of the group said yes. They asked who. Then asked for our fishing licenses. Before then they asked where everyone was from. The other 4 people proceeded to tell them where they were from. I came out with my mom. A few of us giggled including CO officer Charles. Then I said I reside

in Nakina. We handed him our fishing licenses. Proceed to tell us it was a fishing sanctuary as of April 1<sup>st</sup> that no one was aloud to fish. That the fish caught are being confiscated at this time. We were asked to go wait by our vehicles for them to return. We waited about 45 mins or more for them to show up. As there was another group on the lake at the same time as we were. The CO officers came by and asked if we had any photo ID. We all said yes. I had my Status card as photo ID as I left the others at home. He took me away from the group so he could talk to me privately. I got beside their vehicle. He proceeded to tell me if I had permission to fish in this area. Told him it was working on it. He said he had to take in up with my Chief in M'CHIGEENG First Nation. Because I used my card. I gave him my fishing licenses which I pay for every year as I did not have permission from all 9 treaty in the area to fish with

my Status card. I purchase my Fishing license and my Small game and outdoors card every year. I have never taken more than my outdoor card allows through the outdoor fishing and hunting regulations. I've been waiting for this day to come as I did not use my Status Card in any wrongfull doing in any matter of illegal matter. The area we were fishing had no posting of any kind OR signs say it was closed from this date to this date, or that it's a Sanctuary. I'm not sure why the CO officers did not give me a fine the same day as every one else as I had a government fishing license I pay for every year. They took it upon ~~them~~ him self to assume I was using my Status card for unlawfully use. I can ~~its~~ attese that I did no such thing. I purchase my fishing and hunting licenses every year as needed.

Thank you.  
Stephen Kian