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The evidence offered in these transcripts is a true and faithful record of witness testimony given during the National Citizens Inquiry (NCI) hearings. These hearings took place in eight Canadian cities from coast to coast from March through May 2023.

Raw transcripts were initially produced from the audio-video recordings of witness testimony and legal and commissioner questions using Open AI's Whisper speech recognition software. From May to August 2023, a team of volunteers assessed the AI transcripts against the recordings to edit, review, format, and finalize all NCI witness transcripts.

With utmost respect for the witnesses, the volunteers worked to the best of their skills and abilities to ensure that the transcripts would be as clear, accurate, and accessible as possible. Edits were made using the "intelligent verbatim" transcription method, which removes filler words and other throat-clearing, false starts, and repetitions that could distract from the testimony content.

Many testimonies were accompanied by slide show presentations or other exhibits. The NCI team recommends that transcripts be read together with the video recordings and any corresponding exhibits.

We are grateful to all our volunteers for the countless hours committed to this project, and hope that this evidence will prove to be a useful resource for many in future. For a complete library of the over 300 testimonies at the NCI, please visit our website at <https://nationalcitizensinquiry.ca>.

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Shawn Buckley

We welcome you to the National Citizens Inquiry as we begin day two of our hearings in Red Deer, Alberta. Commissioners: for the record, my name is Buckley, Initial S. I'm attending as agent this morning for the Inquiry Administrator, the Honourable Ches Crosbie.

I'd like to start, for those that are not aware of the National Citizens Inquiry, that we are a citizen-run and -funded— Excuse me. It's interesting how I always have a frog in my throat when I start these openings. But we're citizen-run and -funded, and we depend on you to make donations to keep this going. This costs us about \$35,000 for each set of three hearings. We anticipate the Quebec City one is going to be much more expensive because we need real-time translators. And if we don't get volunteers— So I'm asking, if you're out there and you are a real-time translator that can attend in Quebec City in two weeks, to contact the National Citizens Inquiry. Our email addresses are on our site, and put in bold in the subject line, French translator.

We also need teachers. We want to have some discussions with teachers about what's been going on with kids, and we might want you to participate in an online event about that.

I can tell you that I'm frustrated, and I think a lot of people are frustrated that the mainstream media isn't covering this. Any time in our known history, have citizens of any country banded together, appointed independent commissioners, and marched them across the country, let alone one as large as Canada, to inquire into a significant government action on an event that has changed all of our lives? That, in itself, should be a front news, a news story. It should be the leading story on TV, and yet it's really not a story at all.

We try to get the message out on social media—YouTube keeps taking us down—and TikTok and the like. We're still getting censored, even on Twitter, apparently: there's something happening where when people are searching for us they can't find us—even though in theory, Twitter isn't banned.

What's frustrating is that we're all living in a country where we're still pretending that a reality that is false is true. We can't have a discussion with half of the country about what really happened. It's like the emperor is still out there, and the little boy hasn't pointed up to say, "Well, the emperor has no clothes." Because the emperor has no clothes and we want, we need to be the little boy. The NCI needs to be the little boy because the reality is, if you watch an entire day of the National Citizens Inquiry you will be changed, and we need to get people watching the National Citizens Inquiry.

I've asked everyone to use your social media to get us out there, but I'm asking you now to become creative because what you can do is figure out how to— Maybe you should run an extension cord out, put your TV out by the sidewalk on your lawn, and live stream us. When we're not running, we've got videos of the past ones so that anyone walking down your street has to know what's happening. We have to think outside of the box. You know if you've got one of those big screen TVs on a van, park it in a busy street and run our hearings and run the recorded ones. Somehow we have to get people watching.

We're just a small little group of volunteers that are scrambling just to be ready for the next hearing. We truly need you to do it. That's what a citizen initiative is; it's you getting involved in doing things. So that's my call-out today.

I want to move to my opening remarks and share with you a story that—well, it's not a story—it's something that happened to me and it changed my life. I'm not sure how many years ago, I'm going to guess 15, 16 because I recall that my kids were with us going up to Valemount, BC, in August. It's probably noon.

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It's a sunny day, and this is a perfect day for a nice travel. We have got the family in the vehicle and going down the road. And for the first time in my life I ran into a daytime police roadblock—blocking both lanes of traffic—not checking just commercial vehicles, checking every single vehicle on the road. You had to stop; traffic was backed up; this is a major highway, the Yellowhead Highway, and they were making inquiries of every single vehicle.

I was fit to be tied because up until that moment, up until that moment, I was free to drive on a highway in Canada without encountering a police roadblock. I had been free till then, but that freedom had just been taken away from me. And they're still doing that in the interior of BC, and the worst offender is the Valemount RCMP detachment. But you see, I lost that freedom, and my kids lost that freedom that day, and that freedom can't be taken back unless we get enraged and force the police to back down. But we never get enraged, and we never force them to back down.

As I reflected on that or actually steamed and boiled about that, I remember thinking I'm glad my dad's not here. He's never been in trouble with the police, but he would have just gone ballistic. My dad was born in 1939, a few months before Germany invaded Poland and the official start of— The Second World War started on September 1. So he was raised in his generation. And each generation has a different idea of what's tolerable and what isn't, and in his generation, roadblock equals police state, full stop. Free societies do not have roadblocks for their citizens; free societies do not have identification papers, full stop. That's why I was glad he wasn't there because to him he might as well have been in Stalinist Russia.

But a precedent has been set, and you see, for my children, that's now normal. When we approach the holiday season, we have holiday check stops now. We all expect it because of

the danger of drunk drivers, and we can't challenge safety. So I was about to say, and I'm not minimizing the danger of drunk drivers because I've been conditioned, you can't argue about safety, and I'll talk about that a little later. But we've been conditioned to accept as normal that in the holiday season the police can set up roadblocks and check every single vehicle, which means those of us that aren't drinking are going to be stopped. Now, understand in my generation, by the time I was driving we had them, so to me that's normal, but the generation before me, they were free from that. They were free from that. In fact, the courts had to decide on issues like roadblocks for safety. "We're not a police state," the Crown argued to the court. "It's not like we're Nazi Germany and stopping people just for their identity papers. We're doing this to protect people. Do you know how dangerous drunk driving is? Do you know how many people die from drunk driving?" The court said, "Yeah, we'll accept this for safety."

It's always about safety. You're not supposed to use the words "always" and "never," but I literally can say that almost always the courts side on safety, and that's because in our society you can't argue against safety or you're a villain. But the irony is that there's nothing more dangerous, there is nothing more dangerous than granting the police and granting the state more power: nothing. Any historian can tell you the largest cause of death is Government, full stop. I see people in the audience, they know exactly what I'm talking about. The largest cause of death is Government. I mean just in our last century, well let's go back a little longer, but I mean we've got Nazi Germany, we have Stalinist Russia,

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China. I mean examples that just pop to the tongue.

And here we are in Canada and— You know, it probably started as early as I can remember, I was fascinated with the Holocaust because I was so horrified. I couldn't get my head around how that could happen, and more so because Germany was a Western nation. They were educated; they were just like us. In university I took classes on it; I was just fascinated. And I wasn't mature enough to understand that a question I was asking myself just showed that I didn't understand, and the question I'd ask myself was, "How could the Germans do this?"

See, that shows that I totally don't understand because I was thinking that they were different than, let's say, Canadians. See, by even asking the question, "How could the Germans do that?" I'm implying that Canadians couldn't do that. I didn't understand that actually, we're all the same. There's no difference between Germans and Canadians. There's no difference at all. So I didn't understand that it could happen here and that it will happen here.

You know, I've spoken a couple of times during this COVID thing that I was hearing about putting unvaccinated people in camps—some people are nodding their heads. There was that dialogue we heard about putting unvaccinated people in camps—not by the government, they weren't saying that—but other people were saying that, and it was trending on social media and the like.

But you want to know what was scary, even though the government wasn't saying that? Did you see our prime minister or any member of our government stand up and denounce that talk? Because in a society that has responsible leadership, you do not allow the citizens to publicly have a discourse about putting a subgroup of citizens into detention camps without standing up and saying, "That is not appropriate; and that's not going to happen."

So why did not a single politician at any level that I am aware of—other than maybe Randy Hillier—stand up and challenge that dialogue?

You know I mentioned Randy Hillier. I watched a video and I'm sure it's online. He was a member of the provincial legislative assembly in Ontario during the COVID adventure that we just went through. I watched a video where he, as an opposition MLA [sic] [MPP: Member of Provincial Parliament] is asking the government, "Well, there are detention camps being built in Ontario" because there were detention camps being built across Canada by the federal government during COVID. Were you aware of that? So back to when I was naïve, I thought it couldn't happen here, but he was asking the government, "Okay, well we're building detention camps across Canada, we're building them in Ontario. Who are they for? Who are the camps for?" That's a good question. The camps are still there. Who are they for?

We're not different. We're not different at all. We are setting precedents here. You see, the police state can happen here. For my generation, holiday roadblocks are normal; for the next generation, daytime ones will be normal. Do you understand that for our young kids right now, for our children, right now masks are normal? For us, it's just this horrible affront, whether you supported the idea of wearing them or not. It's like, "Oh, my gosh, we're wearing masks." For our young children that's normal. For our young children watch their parents; being afraid of government is normal because we're now afraid of our government; the power balance has moved so far. But what's worse—and listen to this—because our children watched us, for our children being afraid of each other is now normal.

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And I don't know how we come back from that.

Passports have become normal for our children. I've mentioned this on other openings, but it's so important to understand that passports are a police state ritual. So here we had this situation in Canada where for the vaccinated to access restaurants, and hockey games, and the like, they had to show their identity papers. That's a police state ritual. Let's just go back to the classic police state you know: So you're in Stalinist Russia or Nazi Germany or the interior British Columbia and you're at a police roadblock. No, it's not funny because we have roadblocks in the interior of British Columbia. Somebody here just laughed. It's not funny at all.

So you're at a traditional police state roadblock and you have to show your papers. So you're in a city, and a main intersection is blocked. The police state doesn't care where you're going. They know where you live; they know where you're going to sleep at night. That's secondary. So before— When you don't have a police state— And for us, let's just talk about the vaccinated who participated in this ritual. Before this ritual they were free to go wherever they wanted—they didn't have to show identity papers. They were free. And even the idea of thinking you had to do something before you could go to a hockey game, or do something to access a restaurant, that would have been just crazy talk because you were free.

But what the ritual does is, at a subconscious level, it teaches you you're not free. Because for you to go to that Oilers game you have to basically give your passport and the symbolism is you're not free to go there. You're no longer free: you have to go through this. You have to participate in this action dictated from your master, the government, before you can participate. And subconsciously every time you do this, you are reinforcing that the government is your master. And for you to access this privilege—because you can't go

there just on your own without this ritual, it's not a right—so to access this privilege you have to humiliate yourself and reinforce in your mind who is the master and who is the servant and it's a ritual. Our children watched this. Your children watched you in Canada give your identity papers—we call them vaccine passports—they watched you give identity papers for you to access services. And how do you redeem yourself from that? How do we come back from having our children watch us, in Canada, show identity papers to do things that we were free to do before?

This talk just came to me at about 7:30 this morning. I had no idea what I was going to open with and then I just started writing cursory notes. I hardly have anything on a piece of paper—just these thoughts. And the thought of Gandhi came to me.

I must have been a kid watching that Gandhi movie and after there were all these riots and Hindus are killing Muslims and Muslims are killing Hindus, and there's this scene where this one man comes to Gandhi. He's just torn. He is in absolute distress, and he tells Gandhi—I forget if he was a Muslim or a Hindu, but let's just say he was a Hindu—and he says, “I murdered a Muslim child. How do I get redemption?” Gandhi, in his peaceful way, answered, “You find a Hindu child whose parents have been murdered and you raise him to be a Hindu.”

How do you come back from having your children watch you give identity papers to access services? And I ask you this: It's the most important question that anyone's going to ask you for the rest of your life. Will your children see you resist identity papers going forward? Will they? Will you redeem yourself?

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Because digital passports are coming to Canada and even the word “passport”— Passport is something we don't use internally in a country. You use a passport to go to another country. And we've been conditioned to think, “Oh, we need this to get permission. “

How could we call this a vaccine passport? Do you think that was an accident? It wasn't an accident. People—that, you know, a pay grade well above mine, and a large number of them—would have come up with that term as the best term to condition us to accept identification papers. So even the word “passport” should be alarming you and the government is using that term for the digital ID [Identification]. We also hear “digital passports.” It should be alarming us. The government is talking about this.

The stores are already putting turnstiles in. One of the stores that I go to, if I have time—and right now I don't— But if I have time when I go grocery shopping, I go to Superstore first, and then I go to my small little organic place. Not long ago, Superstore put in turnstiles. They're the type that just push open as you go through, they're not locked or anything. But it's new and it's deliberate, and other stores are putting them in. And this is to condition us for our digital passports. They don't hinder our access, but you're going to have to ask the question, “Why?” Why is the Superstore putting in these little turnstiles that I have to go through when I enter the store? They weren't there before. The store has been there as long as I've lived in St Albert. So it's been there for at least seven years. Why are they there?

I mean they don't require a digital passport. They don't even lock. They're clearly not there to scan my ID, but they're conditioning me to know that they're there, so that when the locking ones are put in, where I do have to give my digital ID for it to unlock, it would be

less of a change for me. That's why they're there now: to condition me so that I can accept them.

When the digital IDs come out, they will be sold for our safety—it's always about our safety. They'll be tied to our health records, and somehow, this will all be for our safety. Probably, you know, to fight organized crime. Who knows what the reasons will be, but I just promise you they will be for our safety because we give up freedom for safety and you can't argue about safety.

I remember years ago, the first Harper Government introduced Bill C-51 against the *Food and Drugs Act*, and the natural health community went ballistic because it was basically a transition away from using the courts to discipline people. What has been happening in our legislation, both federally and provincially, is that it used to be if you violated some act or regulation, you'd get charged and go to court. But the problem is that sometimes courts are reasonable.

I take that back: You know a judge on a regulatory matter, he or she is just going to do their job and the system works. But that's very inconvenient for the state. Why not just allow big administrative penalties that can destroy people and have an internal appeal process despite the conflict of interest? They were moving that way.

I got involved in the Bill C-51 fight, but they introduced a similar bill: Bill C-52, the *Consumer Product Safety Act*. You probably all heard about that in the news. It was, "we're going to make baby cribs safer" and all of this. And I didn't fight that one the first time around. I fought Bill C-51 and there was a tremendous movement and then an election is called and they don't reintroduce Bill C-51 but they reintroduce the *Consumer Product Safety Act*, and I wasn't going to fight that one because I was into protecting natural health products.

And I remember getting a call from the CEO of a very large baby toy and crib and carriage manufacturer. And the CEO was saying "Are you going to do anything?" And it's no, even though, word for word, all those provisions were the same as the as the other one that I had fought. I said, "No I'm not, but why aren't you?" And he said,

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He said, "You can't. It would be a public disaster nightmare for any in the industry." Because everyone knew this was just going police state, full on—it had nothing to do with safety. In fact, ironically, the more tougher the legislation on safety, the less safe we become in things like baby toys and the like. But he says, "No one in the industry can stand up against this because the media will slaughter us." So you understand, you can't fight safety or you are a villain. So they were asking me to pick up the fight. And it just shook me to the core. So here, a whole industry that is going to be pummeled and be moved out of the rule of law can't stand up and protest because they know that they'll be slaughtered in the media as villains for going against safety.

So understand safety is a trap. Safety is a weapon. Safety is the most dangerous word in the English dictionary when uttered by a government. Safety literally equals death, and we are experiencing that.

We just went through a situation where a large number of Canadians became vaccinated for safety. And we are seeing witness after witness here—the historians will probably write and call this a pandemic of the vaccinated. The numbers haven't peaked. We're going to be

calling Ed Dowd as a witness in Vancouver who is an expert on crunching actuarial data. One thing that is the most alarming is the number of working age population—our most healthy people—who are becoming disabled. I live in the province of Alberta and last year the largest cause of death was “unknown.” That wasn’t even a category that they could use a couple of years ago. Well, it’s not unknown, it’s caused by the vaccine, but we can’t admit it yet; and because we can’t admit it, we can’t solve the problem and stop the damage.

But this was done for our safety, and it’s just an example of how dangerous that is. It’s an example. And the world sees Canada as a police state. Do you understand that? The world sees Canada as a police state and that’s because we are a police state. And with things like the digital passport coming, 15-minute cities coming, restrictions on our agriculture and the whole thing: it’s just coming down. The cell door is closing. The cell door is closing. And you may—and I use the word may—you may be able to still get out of the cell. There might still be enough room between the edge of the cell door and the wall that you may be able to get out. But I can’t tell you that you will because we are so far down that road that it’s just almost impossible for us to tell.

So you have to start sharing the testimony of the National Citizens Inquiry with everyone that you can. You literally have to put the TV out on the street. We have to stop this. We have to get people understanding what the truth is. People will watch this forum because it is controlled; it is under oath; it is managed by independent commissioners, and so it’s safe.

And so I’m calling on all of you to put your foot between the cell door and the wall because we don’t have much time.

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