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ABOUT THESE TRANSCRIPTS

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

I'd like to welcome you to the National Citizens Inquiry as we begin our first of three days of live testimony in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Commissioners, for the record, my name is Buckley, initial S. I'm attending this morning as agent for the Inquiry Administrator, the Honourable Ches Crosbie.

Before I start, sometimes I do a call out. We are moving to Red Deer next week. If there are any lawyers out there that want to volunteer, we could use your assistance. We also are in desperate needs of bilingual counsel in Montreal coming up in a couple of weeks, and we could use some help in Vancouver for the next couple of weeks. So, if there's any lawyers out there that want to participate in this experience, please give me a shout.

Now, I always like to start by explaining to those that are participating what the National Citizens Inquiry is. And I have to admit, I'm having a little more trouble defining it. I'm quite pleased about this. There was a time where one could accurately describe the National Citizens Inquiry as a group of citizens that got together with this vision of appointing independent commissioners and marching them across this land to discover what we just experienced— What is the truth? And more importantly, to give ordinary Canadians a voice again: an opportunity to tell their stories safely, to begin a dialogue.

And there is still that group, that's still part of what the National Citizens Inquiry is. I mean, it's a volunteer organization, so people come and go. It's not the same people that started it, by and large. And we start other volunteers on. And once we started this, we needed way more social media people and video clippers. We still need a lot of video clippers. And so, we set them up and get them volunteering on their way. And sometimes they go in directions we don't expect. But that's just a drop in the bucket to what's happening.

What we're experiencing and what we're watching is that since this inquiry began, since it started marching across this country, individuals, families, groups—both formal and informal—have started to do what we've asked them to do. And that is to take personal responsibility for their actions and personal responsibility for the state of this nation. If you go online, you can't miss it. People are clipping the testimonies and putting them out.

They're creating indexes of the witnesses and linking in a way that just makes our website look lame. And so if there's any volunteers out there that want to help us clean things up, we'd certainly appreciate that.

I saw a photo yesterday of somebody had written in chalk at a bus stop, nationalcitizensinquiry.ca. My understanding is, yesterday, the group Posties for Freedom had a call out asking people to go to City Hall in Hamilton with signs that could be read by traffic, announcing the National Citizens Inquiry.

This is going on and on and on. We just find out about it by just seeing what's happening online. Sometimes people will let us know, and we'll tag them to promote what they're doing. Sometimes they don't. The beautiful thing is they don't have to let us know at all because it's not about this little band that is putting on these hearings. It's about all of us making a decision to take personal responsibility for the state of this nation.

So we find ourselves in a situation where the National Citizens Inquiry cannot be explained by the small group that puts on these hearings. And I think it would be more appropriate to describe the National Citizens Inquiry as those persons of all nations. And I say all nations deliberately because what we are doing here is trending internationally. Because people have a thirst for the truth, wherever they are. People across the world find the idea of standing up for freedom—

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of actually taking personal responsibility, of being given the freedom to do that again because there's a movement—they're finding that quite attractive.

I would define the National Citizens Inquiry now as persons across the world who remember, and I'm using the word "remember" deliberately—who remember that they have a voice. We've all been put under a spell, a siren song that has put us asleep. We need to remember that we have a voice. The National Citizens Inquiry is those people that have decided that they need to stand up for what they believe in. The National Citizens Inquiry is those people who know, know to their core— You know, we know some things deeply. It belongs to those people who know to their core that they must stand up for freedom now regardless of the cost.

I have to say that I am honoured to be part of what is now something very different than it was when it began. I am, for the first time in a long time, optimistic. Optimistic. I have no illusion that our near- and medium-term future is going to be anything but very difficult. But I'm optimistic that when we get through that—because people are starting to take personal responsibility, because the spell is being dissipated—that we actually have a future. So, I'm honoured to be standing with you here today.

Now Commissioners, I need to report the theme of the week. And I'm grieved to say that, at least my experience this week at the NCI, the theme would be sadness. I've reported to you both in Toronto and Winnipeg that when an inquiry date draws near, we have witnesses drop out. They back out because they are afraid. They are either afraid of economic consequences—that they would lose their job—or there would be other repercussions. They have dropped out because of the social pressure. This last week, we've had witnesses drop out for a third reason. And that is simply, they're too ill. They're too ill to testify.

We were approached in Winnipeg by a gentleman whose wife had just gotten out of ICU, and she has a very important story to tell. We were wanting to have this witness testify

from her hospital room because she was then in a recovery ward. But we could not make those arrangements because the report back is that— She took a turn for the worse— Excuse me, I'll collect myself.

There's a witness that might not be able to testify at these proceedings because of health concerns. I'm sorry that I'm getting emotional, but we've been watching witnesses take the stand, especially vaccine-injured witnesses with just heart-wrenching stories. And it's just very difficult not to empathize and be affected by what's going on. I promise everyone that if you watch a day of hearings of the National Citizens Inquiry, you are not going to be the same.

We realize we're going to have to do something else, because we have so few slots for people that have these important stories, especially on injuries. I don't know if we're just going to have to have you guys video them and send us Rumble links or something. But I think just for, both in Canada and around the world, there are people that are not going to be around to tell their stories. And we need to get their stories. So I'm not sure what that looks like for us going forward because we probably don't have the technical capabilities unless people approach us to give us some assistance.

But there are people suffering.

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And we have to stop denying what's going on, and many people watching this will understand that they're afraid, still, to have conversations about what's really going on. Even though it's becoming hard to deny.

It was about, I think, two and a half, three months ago I was on the website Zero Hedge. And I came across an editorial where the gentleman was basically saying, "We have to wake up." He said, "Look it, why doesn't everyone reading this article just ask themselves, how many people do they personally know who either died or were injured from COVID? And then ask themselves, how many people do they personally know who died or were injured from the vaccines?" And he did it in the article.

Now when I do that in my circle, I don't know of a single person who has died from COVID. I can think of some people that were injured from COVID. The examples in my circle were basically that loss of smell and taste. But my understanding is it's now fully resolved in those people, but they were injured for a period of time and understandably alarmed. And I know people that tell me they were terribly sick.

When we move to the issue of, do I know people who have died and are injured from the vaccine? Yes. There's been death in my circle, absolutely. And actually, it's overwhelming. We have witness after witness who are terribly injured, and they go to the hospital and they're told, "Oh, it's not vaccine injury, and you need to see a psychiatrist or you're anxious" and all of this. But I'm sorry. I know a young man who is, I think, 17 with myocarditis. I'm 57. I've never run across that pre-vaccine. All these athletes dropping dead while they're there and all these young people dying. I live in the province of Alberta. Our leading cause of death, I think, last year, was unexplained illness. They didn't even have that as a death code until a couple of years ago. And now it's the leading cause of death and you're telling us it's not the vaccine?

So, in my circle— Just to show how bad it is, if you were to draw a line 100 yards from my house, draw a circle 100 yards from my house—and I don't know all of my neighbours—I

can think of three vaccine-injured persons in that circle. Now, when my wife and I were driving up here, we had learned in connection to a friend of ours that this friend is now suffering with an illness. And I'm not going to say what it is, but it's a regular COVID-vaccine adverse reaction and one that I would personally be very concerned about. And my wife was actually crying. She was crying in the truck as we were driving up. But she was crying for two reasons. And it's the second reason that I want to talk about. She was crying because she, first of all, was sad that a friend is suffering. But the second reason was she felt shame that she didn't say anything when we were in the midst of this. "Don't do it, don't take it!"

And the reality is, if we were to back up a year or even a little longer, whether you were vaccinated or unvaccinated, there were a large group of people that had come to the conclusion—often through personal experience of being vaccinated—that this vaccine was bad news, and this vaccine was dangerous. And most of us didn't warn. Oh, we'd casually suggest, you might want to rethink this and that. But we weren't screaming from the house tops. Most of us weren't making much noise at all. And we can say to ourselves, "Well, it wasn't a safe environment." And it wasn't a safe environment. If you were a doctor, you're going to get your licence pulled. If you're a nurse, you're going to get your licence pulled. If you're at work, you might lose your job. You're certainly going to lose friends and family,

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and people are going to call you a tinfoil hat conspiracy theorist.

And now I think if you are not called a conspiracy theorist for what you are saying, then there's something personally wrong with you, and you need to examine yourself. Because that term was invented to basically turn people's minds off. Because as herd animals, there's nothing more scary to us than being excluded from the herd. And so if they can create a term like conspiracy theorist or anti-vax, then you are subconsciously afraid to even go into that camp. And you will literally close your mind to people that you would identify with those views. You will close your mind because it's a protection mechanism. And the joke is on you because their mind isn't closed. You've closed your mind. The state has manipulated you into not considering other people's opinions. You actually close your mind. That term closed mind: it literally means it is closed. And so, the joke's on you because you don't get to hear another opinion. It's still up to you whether you're going to change your mind. But understand that the minute you—"Oh, this is an anti-vaxxer; this is a conspiracy theorist"—you have been manipulated. The second you feel that, understand that the joke's on you.

But it was an unsafe environment. I've heard people say they were worried about the army going door to door and dragging people out of their homes and jabbing them. And there was talk about putting unvaccinated people into camps. In Canada. There was talk about putting unvaccinated people into concentration camps. So yes, people were afraid to speak out. And it's clearly still unsafe to speak because we have witnesses backing out, in April of 2023, from testifying at this inquiry because they are afraid.

But I need you to understand that you need to take personal responsibility now, despite our failures in the past. Because now there are mothers today—today—taking their children to be vaccinated in Canada. That's happening. And it's happening because you're not screaming loud enough. You're not screaming at all. You're not speaking. You're still cowed. You're staying silent. There are vaccine-injured persons that could be directed to resources that can assist them, mitigate what they're suffering from. And we're not telling them about it because we can't have the conversation yet. And so, the reality is, and you're

not going to like this, but people are going to suffer and die unless you start taking personal responsibility and start shouting. So stop being afraid. And stop being intimidated. Or you are complicit going forward in injuries and death that happen, when we all know that this needs to be stopped.

Remember, I spoke—I believe it was in Toronto—about how the police state relies upon you for their participation. It can't happen. The lockdowns can't happen unless you stay in your house, unless you're cowed and stay in your house. And I'm not saying if— You know, if we're having a pandemic hit us and we're not sure what's happening and the government is actually being truthful with us and saying this or that might help, my gosh, we'll all act responsibly.

But it wasn't that long where it had to be clear to anyone with two firing neurons that there's something wrong. One day we're wearing masks; we're locked down; this is all afraid. And then the government just says, "Oh, it's lifted." And now, a second later, we're safe. And, "Oh, we don't need these restrictions. We don't need to show our police state identity papers to access a service."

But it's your compliance. It's you cowering in your home. It's employers requiring passports for your customers to come into businesses. Are you kidding me? You actually did that? You participated? You actually acted as the state. You were the police officer forcing citizens to participate in a police state ritual. Shame on you. And the employees that did it. The employers couldn't do it if the employees would say, "No, I'm not doing that." We just have to stop complying. That's the problem. You need to understand that, as mad as you are of what you experienced: It happened because of you. Because you let it happen. And you need to stop complying regardless of the cost. And you've been complying because you've worried about the cost.

Now, I want to get personal.

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I want you to think about something I'm going to say, because for almost everyone who hears this, you're going to go, "Yeah, I felt that." And I'm going to suggest to you that sometime in your life, you felt that you were here for something important. You felt there was something bigger going on, that you were actually here to do something very important for everyone else. And then as your life went on, and you got busy with going to school and work and supporting the family, and you know, the real issue is how do you make the boat payments and stuff like that. We're all distracted with the bread and circuses. You might have found yourself even thinking back to how you felt you were here for something important, going, "Well, that must have been my imagination. Because clearly the way my life is manifesting, I'm not here to do something important."

I want to share with you something that's been kept secret from you. That feeling you had that you were here for something important is true. It's true. You are here to do something very important. And right now, you get to decide: Do our children, do our grandchildren? Their fate's in your hand. It literally is in your hand, the fate of your children and grandchildren now are in your hand. It's decision time. Are they going to be free? Or are they going to be slaves?

And there's only one way to decide. You have to decide. You don't get a choice. You can't sit on the fence because sitting on the fence is a decision for the police state. And you don't get

to decide by making a conscious decision, “Oh, no, my kids are going to be free.” If you think that’s going to make them free, you’re still under the spell.

And when I talk about the spell, we hopefully will have a witness come and testify here, during these proceedings in Saskatoon, whose mother had gone to Shoppers Drug Mart to get vaccinated. And there’s a whole line of people behind her mother. And after her mother was vaccinated, for that 15-minute waiting period, is just standing there. And the line is still proceeding, getting their shots. And she dies. A news report I read even reports that she was dead before she hit the floor. She just dies. You know what’s shocking about that? Is that line of people waiting to get the shot stayed in the line and kept getting the shot. Did you hear that? They just witnessed somebody fall to the floor; likely, the person died before they hit the floor. And they stay in line and continue getting the shot. That’s a spell. Now that spell is being dissipated.

That’s what not taking action does: People stay asleep. They stay under the spell. And if you continue to do nothing, you are actively doing exactly what the police state wants you to do. But you want to know what the opposite of doing nothing is? Because doing nothing is your decision to work for the police state. That’s your decision. There’s no “on the fence” here. You’re for the police state 100 per cent or you’re against it 100 per cent. What’s the opposite of doing nothing? Doing everything.

And so you get to decide what type of a country we have, what type of a future our children have. And your choice is to do it all, to give everything. And so I’m inviting every Canadian, every person in the world to stop being afraid, to wake up, and to stand for freedom regardless of the cost.

Freedom is not free. But it’s worth the price.

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