



# Thompson Rivers University Students' Union

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May 17<sup>th</sup> 2019

Mr Guiseppe Conte  
President of the Council of Ministers  
Palazzo Chigi, Piazza Colonna 370  
00187 Roma

**Please ensure adequate alternative housing arrangements for evicted Roma people.**

Dear President of the Council of Ministers,

On behalf of the Thompson Rivers University Students' Union, we urge you to investigate the forced displacement of approximately **500 Roma people**, including some 150 children, pregnant women, and elderly who were evicted from the municipality of Giugliano in Campania on May 10<sup>th</sup> 2019.

We are deeply troubled by reports from Amnesty International that the **Roma people** have been subjected to ongoing instances of forced displacement since 2016. In each instance, these displacements have resulted in families being forced into unhygienic and unsafe living conditions. These conditions were largely the result of failures by the authorities to protect the right to adequate housing.

We strongly urge you to uphold Italy's **National Strategy for Roma Inclusion** as well as international human rights standards that hold these municipalities accountable for offering adequate housing. Furthermore, we implore you to implement an immediate short-term emergency shelter with access to water and proper sanitation resources.

We encourage relevant authorities and municipal officials to engage in a genuine consultation process with the evicted Roma community to develop a long-term strategy for housing and protection pursuant to Italy's **National Strategy for Roma Inclusion**.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brandon Hayashi".

Brandon Hayashi  
Vice-President Equity  
TRU Students' Union

cc. His Excellency Claudio Taffuri