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Tēnā koutou i nga ahuatanga o te wa

Thank you for your letter of 9 June 2009 regarding the proposed referendum asking voters, *'should a smack as part of good parental correction be a criminal offence in New Zealand'*.

I wanted to assure you of the Maori Party's absolute commitment in supporting the implementation of the law arising from the Crimes (Substituted Section 59) Amendment Act 2007.

We are united in our opposition to any form of violence; and to uphold our belief in the importance of protecting our children from harm. We will certainly continue to promote these views in whatever forum we can.

Heoi ano

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tariana T'.

Hon Tariana Turia  
Co-leader of the Maori Party