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RE: Commitment to introduce legislated ban on oil tanker traffic on British Columbia's north coast

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

We write to recognize and thank you, and your newly-appointed Cabinet, for your promise to put an end to Enbridge's Northern Gateway pipelines and tankers project, and your commitment to introduce a legislated ban on oil tanker traffic on British Columbia's north coast.

With these commitments, you are standing with First Nations, northerners, unions, municipalities, businesses, environmental groups, faith groups and people from across British Columbia and all of Canada that have said the risks of the Northern Gateway project to our ecosystems and economy are simply too great. The Northern Gateway project is emblematic of the broken relationships brought about by a federal government that was not willing to listen, and it is time for that to change.

Your party has shown great leadership on this issue by introducing a bill to ban oil tanker traffic on BC's north coast in 2010 and, although the bill did not pass at the time, recommitting to such legislation during the 2015 campaign. Your new government now has the opportunity to bring that leadership to bear by making a legislated oil tanker ban on BC's north coast a priority when Parliament resumes. We look forward to working with your government to make such legislation a reality and ensure lasting protection for this spectacular region.

Sincerely,

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BC Nature
Dogwood Initiative
Douglas Channel Watch
Eye of the Storm
ForestEthics Advocacy
Fort St. James Sustainability Group
Friends of Morice Bulkley
Friends of Wild Salmon
Greenpeace Canada
Haida Gwaii CoAst
Living Oceans Society
My Sea to Sky
North West Watch
Pacific Wild

Prince George Public Interest Research Group
Prince Rupert Environment Society
RAVEN
Sea to Sands Conservation Alliance
Sierra Club BC
Skeena Watershed Conservation Coalition
T. Buck Suzuki Environmental Foundation
The Steelhead Society of British Columbia,
Northern Branch
UFAWU - Unifor United Fishermen and Allied
Workers' Union
United Church of Canada
Watershed Watch Salmon Society
West Coast Environmental Law Association
Wilderness Tourism Association of BC

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