**NOTE: If the MP is a cabinet Minister, address them as The Honorable [Full Name],**

M.P. **[Full Name]**

[Address or email]

 Dear M.P. **[Last Name]**,

Congratulations on your recent election. I am writing as a resident in your riding and as a member of **Nature Vancouver,** to draw your attention to an important issue: expanding protected areas in Canada to safeguard wildlife, fight climate change and ensure access to nature for future generations.

**Nature Vancouver** supports Canada’s targets of 17% protection of land and freshwater and 10% protection of coastal/marine water, by 2020, on the way to the target of protecting 25% by 2025 and 30% by 2030, which is a goal supported across many parties. While Canadians are divided on many issues, nature unites us. We are looking for your support to help keep nature a priority in the next Parliament and first federal budget, including investments in Indigenous-led conservation. Respect for Indigenous rights and Indigenous stewardship of land and waters must be at the heart of this agenda.

Scaled-up and long-term investment is urgently needed to tackle the twin crises of species loss and climate change. Local organizations, Indigenous communities, landowners, and people across this country are ready to help as partners. For example, more than $800 million in proposals were put forward for the $175 million that was recently committed through the Nature Fund. **Nature Vancouver** supports the recommendations from the Green Budget Coalition for investments in Nature of $934 million in the 2020-21 federal budget, and a further $2.3 billion over the subsequent three years, as well as the creation of a $1 billion Nature Based Climate Solutions Fund over four years.

I would appreciate your response stating your position on expanding protected areas in Canada and support for the Green Budget Coalition recommendations for investments for nature. I look forward to receiving your written response.

(OR) I would like to meet with you to discuss and will contact your office in the next week to arrange a meeting date.

Sincerely,

**[Signature]**

**Name**