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To whom It May concern,

I am writing to ask the NDP government to protect all old growth forest left . At this point in the climate crisis, old growth trees need to be left intact to provide habitat to at risk species and endemic species, enhance salmon watersheds and mitigate climate change. This is of absolute importance if we are to create any sustainable solutions for climate change for future generations of all species, including human. Our temperate rainforest is worth more left intact than liquidated for profit. An enhanced rainforest ecosystem is what is needed in order to sequester carbon, provide habitat for intricate ecosystem and mitigate ecosystem collapse, and to enhance salmon watersheds. No old growth tree should be harvested at this point for profit.

I also feel strongly that all second growth shall only be harvested selectively to enhance rainforest ecosystems and mitigate climate change. All industrial scale clear cutting is a dirty industry that is based on dirty fossil fuel extraction, and creates ecological deficit. We need to realize we are not separate from the health of our forests. A forest is vital teeming ecosystem. A clear cut, selling our trees for fiber, is part of a death economy, as it destroys ecosystems, species and contributes for climate change.

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