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Dear Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development,

The following is my response to government's request for input on the Old Growth Strategic Review.

**What old growth means to you and how you value it.**

I work in the supplier community providing products and services to the loggers and mills in BC. I started my career as a Forest Technician so am familiar with the science side of Forestry. The company I work for has several operations throughout BC dependent on the Forest Industry and reliant on harvesting old growth. Without Forestry my company would not have the size to support other industries in those communities. In whole I would say 250-300 families are dependent on BC Forest Industry.

My company only represent a small part of the total supplier community to the Forest Sector but I would estimate the impact on suppliers would be in the tens of thousands of jobs dependent on harvesting of Old Growth in BC.

I believe BC has protected vast swaths of Old growth in this province and it's highly valued. But it is time to keep the working forest intact and allow it to continue to provide for BC's Forest dependent communities. According to The BC Environment and Climate Change Strategy 37% of BC's land base is under some type of conservation designation - ranging from wildlife habitat areas, old growth management areas, to parks, conservancies and protected areas. Please allow the remaining working forest to continue to provide for BC.

**Your perspective on how old growth is managed now**

I believe Old growth is appropriately managed for multiple uses and managed well. Given over 50 million hectares of BC Forests have received numerous third party certifications indicate (CSA, FSC, SFI) the world views this also.

**How you think old growth could be managed more effectively in the future**

A clearer definition of what Old Growth is needs to be defined. I believe the public views Old Growth as Cathedral Grove – Massive trees reaching for the stars. Yet the ENGO's are pushing for something broader which could include "First" growth and "Emerging" old growth stands. This would essential shut down forestry

in this province and wipe out a significant swath of rural BC.

Old growth forest are already protected on a massive scale. Leave the working forest intact, and include Old age classes in the working forest.

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