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Dear Mr. Gerry Merkel and Mr. Al Gorley,

I am writing to give my support to a more sustainable and science-based plan for the protection of BC's old-growth forests. Our current environmental crisis calls for the development of forestry policy that is in the interest of CO2 reduction, maintaining biodiversity, and that is prioritizing of indigenous perspectives.

BC's old-growth forests are incredibly important for a number of reasons. More than just single trees, our old-growth is a complex ecosystem that has been in development for hundreds of years and is home to many unique and threatened species. These trees are indispensable carbon sinks, and once they're cut down, they're gone. With that said, the instrumental value of these forests is quite clear and should not be ignored in the wake of our ecological emergency. In addition to this, however, is the preservation of these forests for their *intrinsic* value as well. Even if the BC government could perfectly replace these forests (which is incredibly unlikely) something of value would still have been lost. Old-growth trees are impressive in that they're tied to the context of their creation - that being centuries of work. They are part of BC's history.

BC must be leaders in terms of sustainable forestry practices and take our environmental crisis incredibly seriously. Forest management should be protection-based, similar to that of our Great Bear Rainforest. We ought to establish higher, legally-binding protection targets of all old-growth areas, and take immediate action to halt old-growth logging in our most endangered ecosystems.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,
Emma Doucette