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Premier John Horgan, Minister Doug Donaldson, Sheila Malcomson, Doug Routley, and all Members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia

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Dear Mr. Horgan,

We are writing to urge you to immediately ban logging old growth forests across British Columbia.

These trees and forests are the best defence we have against a warming climate that threatens all life on this planet, including and especially humankind. They are also the best managers of our water. The loss of old growth and mature trees in the Boundary watershed has already contributed to major flooding here with dire economic impacts. Across the world action is stirring, but it is irregular and weakened. Canada needs to step up as a leader, for our citizens and the entire world.

Mature trees better resist fires, retain water, and sequester carbon; losing them would eventually destroy our habitable world, however most of the old growth forests that once blanketed BC are now gone. Industrial logging continues unabated across the province, targeting the biggest trees and the oldest forests.

In this time when racism and racial inequalities are being reckoned with, many people say “How could people have owned slaves?” or “If I lived at that time I would never have done that”. The critical environmental situation now will be reflected upon in the future with the same judgement and reckoning. Can we as citizens say we are doing anything to mitigate these extreme futures pronounced upon our children and grandchildren? Are we idle, or worse, complicit in these very last moments when change is possible? James Darling and Robert Fuller will not eat until the BC government bans the destruction of old growth forests.

Please quickly enact this ban, respect and protect the lives of these protestors, our citizens, and the world. We are relying on you.

Yours truly,

Board of Directors,
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