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Dear Premier Horgan and Minister Conway;

I am writing to tell you how strongly I feel that it is time to declare a moratorium on the logging of old growth forests in BC, and to request that you immediately rescind the license of Teal Cedar to log in the Fairy Creek old growth watershed.

We are living in a time of climate emergency and mass extinctions. The old growth forests in BC are a big contributor to forest resilience in the face of forest fires and extreme weather. They provide habitat for a great variety of unique plants, animals, birds and insects. They mitigate against climate change by absorbing carbon, releasing oxygen, and by providing their own unique water cycle and climate system. BC will be much less resistant to the threats of climate change when our old growth forests are all gone.

Our First Nations brothers and sisters are doing their best to steward these sacred areas in the face of the continuous threat of clear-cut logging. I am strongly in favour of declaring BC’s old growth forests protected areas with the First Nations of each territory designated as stewards and guardians of the territory.

Your government has promised to protect our old growth forests, but so far we have seen nothing but reports and no actions while we continue to log the old growth at the rate of a soccer field a day. It is time to stop before it is all gone.

Unitarians value the interdependent web of existence. We understand that diversity is a central principle of the evolution of life on this planet and that we are all interconnected and dependent on each other for our survival and thriving. It is morally unacceptable to destroy these incredibly diverse and sensitive ecosystems for the sake of a job economy that will soon have to do without these trees anyway. We must make the transition to a better way now. We have to learn to manage our economy so that all life has a chance to survive and thrive.

Sincerely yours

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