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The Honourable Catherine McKenna
Minister of Environment and Climate Change
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Dear Minister McKenna,

I am writing with regard to Parks Canada's feasibility study for the Proposed Southern Strait of Georgia National Marine Conservation Area Reserve (NMCAR).

I want to signal my very strong support for the establishment of an NMCAR in this area, which covers most of my riding's eastern coast. Residents of Vancouver Island are proud of our pristine coastal landscape and of our strong marine biodiversity and ecosystem, and we wish to see these protected for future generations, while continuing to allow human uses to continue in an ecologically sustainable manner.

On October 15, 2017, I hosted a town hall meeting in Duncan, BC in conjunction with Parks Canada to inform local residents about the proposed NMCA and solicit constituent feedback. The meeting was well-attended, and I am proud to inform you that I have received an overwhelmingly positive response to the proposal.

Based on the feedback received at that meeting, plus the countless pieces of correspondence I have received on the topic and the conversations I have had with constituents and local stakeholders, it is clear that there is an appetite on Vancouver Island for the establishment of an NMCAR in the Southern Strait of Georgia (the Salish Sea).

The Strait of Georgia is one of the busiest waterways on the Pacific Coast of North America, and it is imperative that government act to ensure that its ecosystem and wildlife are protected. I strongly

encourage you to continue working with various levels of government, First Nations, and local stakeholders to see the proposed NMCAR come to fruition in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alistair MacGregor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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