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The Honourable Doug Donaldson  
Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development  
Room 248, Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, BC  
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**Re: Support for Mt. Begbie Development and Management Protection Plan**

As the MLA for Columbia River-Revelstoke, it is my job to recognize and support my constituents and advocate for our riding.

As you are aware, I rose in the House on August 11, 2020, and presented a petition which was signed by 1,342 British Columbians, the vast majority of whom reside in and around Revelstoke. The petition asks for an interim moratorium on all new commercial recreational development within a 20-kilometre radius from the Centre of the City, or Revelstoke boundary until a Backcountry Recreation Access Plan of the area within the Revelstoke Timber Supply Area and the Columbia Block of the Cascadia Timber Supply Area is completed.

You will also know that on March 11, 2020, the Revelstoke City Council unanimously passed a motion to write a letter to the Columbia Shuswap Regional District (CSRD) and the Province expressing their support for a Mt. Begbie Development and Management Protection Plan. In response, the CSRD wrote to your Ministry on May 20, 2020, asking for a recreation management and protection plan for the Mt. Begbie area.

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However, the request for such a plan was rejected by your Ministry (as per the Ministry's response on June 8, 2020), citing a lack of resources to initiate such planning for Mt. Begbie. Needless to say, the Revelstoke community is very frustrated and concerned with this response, leaving them uncertain about the future of the mountain.

While I completely understand that there are many ongoing land use planning projects in my region, two of which I am directly involved in, I would respectfully ask that you and your Ministry immediately consider the moratorium request until resources come available for the initiation of land use planning in the Revelstoke area.

I look forward to your reply and thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Doug Clovechok  
Member of the Legislative Assembly  
Columbia River-Revelstoke

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Gary Sulz, Mayor, City of Revelstoke  
David Brooks-Hill, Area B Director, Columbia Shuswap Regional District