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Dr. Bonnie Henry, PHO Office of the Provincial Health Officer PO Box 9648, STN PROV GOVT 1515 Blanshard St., Victoria, BC V8W 9P4

Dear Dr. Henry,

We'd like to thank you for your calm demeanor, level headedness, and incredible leadership through this difficult time. British Columbia's containment of the pandemic has been exemplary, thanks in large part to your efforts, and of course the efforts of individual British Columbians.

We are proud of how our small mountain town of Revelstoke has handled the pandemic. Our community spirit and resilience shone through as our residents took your directives seriously, stayed close to home, and took a break from the high adrenaline adventure that so many of us live for in Revelstoke. One local distillery produced hand sanitizer, our local fabrication lab started producing face shields, and many residents came up with creative solutions to function in this strange new reality. Our residents have reason to pat themselves on the back; creative thinking, compassion, and altruism have prevailed in this difficult time.

Of course, as a small community that relies on income from tourists to keep our businesses afloat, we face an uncertain future. We hope that our tourism businesses will weather this storm and we look forward to opening our doors to our fellow British Columbians, Canadians, and international visitors when the time is right.

There is one visitor in particular whom we'd like to welcome.

On Thursday, June 4, you said that you were looking forward to taking a vacation, and we would love to host you here in beautiful Revelstoke. Revelstoke is the perfect place to recharge, take in fresh mountain air, and enjoy the charm of a quintessential BC mountain town. We'd be happy to host you and show you all that we have to offer. We're certain that our quiet pace, incredible scenery, and quaint downtown are exactly what you've been missing during these tumultuous times.

Please contact us directly if we can host you here in Revelstoke; we'd love to treat you to a vacation that you truly deserve. Thank you for your exemplary work.

Sincerely,

Meghan Tabor, Robyn Goldsmith, and Eva Akopian

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On behalf of Tourism Revelstoke