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Dear Ms. Muse:

Thank you for your letter of November 5, 2021, concerning the UNESCO designation of the Átl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Biosphere Region in British Columbia.

The mountains and coastline of Átl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound are renowned for incredible scenery, rich cultural heritage and extraordinary ecological values. Achieving this designation is a tremendous achievement. On behalf of the Government of Canada, I offer my sincere congratulations and thanks for the work of the Commission, the Átl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Biosphere Region Society, the Canadian Biosphere Reserves Association and all those involved in achieving this well-deserved international recognition.

Biosphere reserves showcase some of our most outstanding Canadian landscapes and offer an inspirational vision for a more balanced relationship between nature and the economy. The Government of Canada shares many of the same goals as the Átl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Biosphere Region, such as protecting biodiversity and promoting climate resilience, and believes in the need to develop a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach to achieving our biodiversity aims and protecting nature.

I look forward to receiving updates on your work towards our shared priorities and goals.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Steven Guilbeault, P.C., M.P. (il/lui/he/him)



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