Petition to the Government of Canada

WHEREAS

- *Canada is the second largest country in the world, with much of the world's natural heritage, including 24% of the world's boreal forests, 20% of the world's freshwater, three oceans, and all the plants and animals found within these ecosystems.*
- *Nine in ten Canadians identify nature as an integral part of our national identity.*
- *The economic value of ecosystem services in Canada is estimated to be at least CAD $3.6 trillion per year, and more than US $125 trillion of global annual economic value depends on nature;*
- *Conserving and protecting our natural assets is more responsible and less expensive than restoring those assets after they have been degraded;*
- *Local groups from across Canada, including wildlife centres and land trusts, are already working to support conservation.*
- *Indigenous rightsholders and the provinces are already engaging in actions to protect and restore biodiversity in their jurisdictions; and*
- *In 2024, the Federal Government released a strategy to halt and reverse biodiversity loss by 2030 called the 2030 Nature Strategy, but so far no new actions have been taken on this whole-of-government strategy; and current federal funding will end in March 2026.*

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- *Reduce ecosystem degradation by requiring that proponents of development projects avoid, minimize, eliminate, control, or offset adverse effects of development and natural resource management activities; &*
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