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Mr. Harold Sellers
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Dear Mr. Sellers:

I am responding to your letter of July 16, 2026, forwarded by the Office of the Prime Minister, regarding Canada's 2030 Nature Strategy. I regret the delay in responding.

As you noted, the Government of Canada recently announced [*A Force of Nature: Canada's Strategy to Protect Nature*](#), accompanied by a \$3.8-billion investment. A Force of Nature builds on and outlines priorities for the Government's contributions to implementing Canada's 2030 Nature Strategy.

This investment comes at a time when all sectors of Canadian society need to accelerate collective efforts to conserve nature. Published in February 2026, Canada's Seventh National Report to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity found that Canada is making significant progress in implementing the Global Biodiversity Framework, and that more work is still needed. In response, Environment and Climate Change Canada will continue to implement protected areas to reach its commitments to protecting 30 percent of land, fresh water, and oceans by 2030. It will also continue to implement species at risk and migratory bird programming to address biodiversity loss.

As part of the Nature Strategy's second pillar, Building Canada Well, the Government is also prioritizing ecological mapping to deliver conservation outcomes while supporting timely decisions for major projects. Implementing comprehensive ecological mapping that integrates the best available ecological data will help identify Key Biodiversity Areas, accelerate permitting, improve decision-making, and enable projects move forward more efficiently. This approach supports project proponents in designing projects to avoid areas of high ecological value and provides improved predictability and efficiency in assessing and mitigating project effects on biodiversity, resulting in accelerated assessment timelines and reduced associated costs.

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A key milestone will be making the funding announced in the A Force of Nature strategy accessible to support on-the-ground conservation. Going forward, the Government of Canada will be combining agreements, incentives for stewardship, and recognition of existing and new actions to deliver results for Canadians and safeguard nature for future generations. Environment and Climate Change Canada is working to make the funding accessible as soon as possible. Future funding program announcements will be available on the Department's funding programs [website](#).

I appreciate BC Nature's contributions to biodiversity conservation in Canada, and I extend my best regards.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Julie Dabrusin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a stylized "D".

The Honourable Julie Dabrusin, P.C., M.P.