

May 28, 2018

Hon. Marc Garneau
Minister of Transport
House of Commons
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Dear Minister Garneau,

Re: Congratulations on passage of Bill C-48 in the House of Commons

We write to congratulate you on the passage of Bill C-48, the Oil Tanker Moratorium Act, in the House of Commons.

For decades, we have stood among many First Nations, local governments, community groups, environmental organizations, labour unions and individual citizens in northern British Columbia and throughout Canada that have called for a law to protect the Pacific north coast from oil tankers. Most recently, our group were among 34 signatories to a joint letter sent to you in support of Bill C-48, and our supporters are among more than 6,700 people who have signed the Parliamentary petition launched by Marilyn Slett, elected Chief of the Heiltsuk Nation and President of Coastal First Nations, calling for enactment of the north coast oil tanker ban.

We wish to thank the federal government for honouring its commitment to legally protect the unique ecosystems and local economies of B.C.'s north coast from the risk of crude oil supertankers. We hope that Bill C-48 enjoys swift passage in the Senate

Yours truly,



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¹ October 3, 2017 Joint Open Letter Re: Support for Bill C-48, online:
<<https://www.wcel.org/sites/default/files/publications/2017-10-03-billc-48-openletter-final.pdf>>.

¹ Electronic Petition E-1606, initiated March 27, 2018, online:
<<https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-1601>>.