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Dear Dr. Burger:

Thank you for your correspondence of May 28, 2018, regarding Bill C-48, the Oil Tanker Moratorium Act.

As you know, Bill C-48 provides an unprecedented level of coastal protection around Dixon Entrance, Hecate Strait, and Queen Charlotte Sound. It is the result of extensive consultation with Canadians and constitutes the first of its kind in the world.

Let me assure you that the federal government will continue to work with Canadians living on the north and central coasts of British Columbia to advance measures to enhance marine safety, protect the environment, and support economic development. We will do so based on scientific evidence and traditional knowledge, working in close partnership with Canadians, including Indigenous and coastal communities.

Thank you for sharing your views and for your leadership on this important issue.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marc Garneau".

The Honourable Marc Garneau, P.C., M.P.
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Chair, Standing Senate Committee on Transport and Communications

The Honourable Patricia Bovey, Senator
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