

# PUT NATURE AT THE HEART OF CANADA'S RECOVERY

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Dear Minister Freeland,

I was thrilled to see the Prime Minister re-commit to protect 30 percent of Canadian land and ocean by 2030. It gives me hope for the future.

Now please take the next step and commit the resources needed to act. Investing in nature will support good jobs, fight climate change, and protect our precious wildlife.

I am urging you to ensure nature and the expansion of protected areas are priorities in upcoming federal budget commitments.

We need to invest \$4.8 billion over the next five years in creating new protected areas on land and freshwater, and in the ocean, including Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas.

Please let me know how nature will be better protected as we look to build back towards a healthier and more resilient future for all.

Sincerely,