

Hon. Marc Garneau  
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House of Commons  
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Dear Minister Garneau,

**Re: Support for Bill C-48**

We write to express our strong support for the passage of Bill C-48, the *Oil Tanker Moratorium Act*.

Over many decades, most recently in opposition to the Enbridge Northern Gateway project, northern communities and Indigenous nations have repeatedly demonstrated a clear resolve to keep the waters of northern British Columbia permanently free from oil tankers.

We applaud the federal government for recognizing that the unique ecosystems and local economies of BC's north coast must be protected from the risk of potentially devastating oil spills, and for clearly stating that the region is no place for oil tankers. The enactment of Bill C-48 will bring life to these statements through concrete federal action.

A number of signatories to this letter intend to engage in the Parliamentary Committee process to make constructive submissions on how Bill C-48 can be further strengthened. We look forward to seeing a strong *Oil Tanker Moratorium Act* promptly passed into law.

Sincerely,

Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society  
Canadian Union of Postal Workers  
City of Prince Rupert  
Conservation Council of New Brunswick  
David Suzuki Foundation  
Dogwood Initiative  
Douglas Channel Watch  
East Coast Environmental Law  
Ecology Action Centre  
Fort St. James Sustainability Group  
Friends of Morice Bulkley  
Friends of Wild Salmon Coalition  
Georgia Strait Alliance  
Glasswaters Foundation  
Haida Gwaii CoAST  
Living Oceans Society  
North West Watch

Pacific Wild  
Prince Rupert District Teachers' Union, Local 52  
Prince Rupert Environmental Society  
Raincoast Conservation Foundation  
SeaLegacy  
Sea to Sands Conservation Alliance  
Sierra Club of BC  
Skeena Watershed Conservation Coalition  
Skeena Wild  
Stand.Earth  
Students for a Green University, UNBC  
T. Buck Suzuki Foundation  
Union of BC Indian Chiefs  
United Fishermen & Allied Workers - UNIFOR  
Watershed Sentinel Educational Society  
West Coast Environmental Law Association  
WWF-Canada

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Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard

Hon. James Carr, Minister of Natural Resources

Hon. Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change

Kelly Block, Conservative Party Transport Critic

Robert Aubin, New Democratic Party Transport Critic

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