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**Honourable George Heyman
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
Room 112, Parliament Buildings
Victoria BC V8V 1X4**

Dear Minister Heyman,

Re: Floating House – Bear Creek Provincial Park

On February 15th, 2022, I was forwarded an e-mail from Loyal Wooldridge, Chair, Regional District of Central Okanagan, regarding a floating house located near Bear Creek Provincial Park. The moorage has been affected by winter storms, in recent years, causing damage to the water intake for the campground. It is my understanding, that BC Parks has now drilled a well on the property to help alleviate the issue.

I am awaiting further information from Transport Canada regarding this moorage. I have been advised that a permit was issued for this location approximately 15 years ago and it is noted that it is not an impediment to Navigable Waters.

I understand the RDCO, BC Parks and Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development have been working hard on this file in an attempt to find a suitable solution. I would like to request a meeting to discuss possible solutions at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Ben Stewart, MLA
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CC: Katrine Conroy, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
Josie Osbourne, Minister of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship
Loyal Wooldridge, Chair, Regional District of Central Okanagan
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