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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to affirm our support for the continued designation of the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Region, established in 2000. The Ucluelet Heartwood Learning Community (HLC) is an alternative school that supports home-learning families through a combination of at-home (with parents) and face-to-face (with a teacher and fellow students) education activities with a large focus on outdoor and nature-based education.

The Clayoquot Biosphere Trust (CBT) has had a strong and supportive influence on the broader education capacity in our region that has made it possible for the Ucluelet HLC to establish itself in 2019.

As a partner of the CBT, we have been able to contribute to achieving the objectives of sustainable development, biodiversity conservation and reconciliation through education.

Specifically, the CBT has supported us through annual field-trip funding that enables our students to participate in hands-on outdoor education opportunities. CBT also makes it extremely accessible to access broader grant opportunities to support Youth and Education in the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Region. CBT is also a wonderful provider of resources – like the WestCoast NEST platform, which helps us find and access place-based learning opportunities in the region.

We are proud to support the continued Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere designation, and look forward to participating in the activities in our region.

Sincerely,

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