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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. CARE Network, a registered BC Society works with organizations like Clayoquot Biosphere Trust and the region's Indigenous communities to improve the health and safety of all the region's residents and visitors whether they have two legs, four legs, fur, fins or freckles.

Our region has worked together for the past decade to advance the objectives of the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve program in our region. As a partner of the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust, our organization has been able to contribute to achieving the objectives of sustainable development, biodiversity conservation and reconciliation, through education, research and collaboration such as:

- Participating in programs and events that develop cross-cultural understanding and advance reconciliation;
- Developing alliances and partnerships to strengthen the development of citizens, communities, and ecosystems as well as stewardship of ecosystem services;
- Contributing data and knowledge to the Vital Signs program or Living Wage calculation;
- Participating in training and capacity building programs;
- Participating in networks to enhance communication and coordination;
- Participating in processes for implementing, managing, and monitoring community and ecosystem health; and
- Contributing to the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Together we are innovating animal care and population control to improve community health and safety in culturally sensitive and respectful ways. CARE has recently increased its outreach and sharing of these innovations with organizations working across British Columbia and Canada on similar projects.

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

Sincerely,

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