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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.

Our region has worked together for the past decade to advance the objectives of the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve program. We are working together to achieve the objectives of sustainable development, biodiversity conservation and reconciliation, through education, research, and collaboration such as:

- The Students on Ice program, which empowers local youth to join an educational expedition to the Arctic or Antarctic to not only learn and foster relationships outside of our small communities, but to share the beauty and exceptionalism of Clayoquot Sound with others from around the world.
- Collecting invaluable information contributing to the Vital Signs program, which provides guidance to our community leaders and citizens, or through the West Coast N.E.S.T., which helps to educate and promote education tourism in our region.
- Developing cross-cultural understanding and advance reconciliation through the Leadership Vancouver Island (LVI) program which brings together locals who engage in vital conversations, team-building, and personal development while learning about multi-faceted issues facing our communities

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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