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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 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:

The Pacific Rim Hospice Society has enjoyed participating in the educational opportunities provided by the CBT, such as the Art of Hosting and First Nations' educational workshops helping our staff understand First Nation's culture.

PRHS has also benefited in community networks Clayoquot Biosphere Trust facilitates, such as the Coastal Family Resource Coalition and its monthly meetings and bi-yearly Coming Together Forums – bringing people, ideas, education and resources together.

Collaborating on recent fundraising initiatives has also been a valuable tool for our small charity, especially during these challenging times.

The Clayoquot Biosphere Trust is an invaluable organization on the west coast bringing communities together for the betterment of our west coast communities. We are very pleased support their continued designation for the next ten years as the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Region.

Sincerely,

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