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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to affirm the support of the Tofino-Long Beach Chamber of Commerce board of directors and over 325 members 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:

- 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;
- Developing and promoting education tourism opportunities through participation in the West Coast N.E.S.T.;
- Participating in various local bodies to enhance communication and coordination among local groups;
- Contributing data and knowledge to the Vital Signs program or Living Wage calculation;
- Gathering local data to inform decision-making processes.

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,

Jen Dart
Executive Director