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The Honourable Catherine McKenna, MP
House of Commons
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Dear Minister McKenna,

On behalf of the more than 25,000 members of the Alberta Fish and Game Association (AFGA) I implore you not to cancel the National Wetland Conservation Fund (NWCF).

Wetlands are an ecological means that increase the stability of watersheds while at the same time protecting wildlife including fish from the ravages of human caused intrusions including climate change. It is hard to fathom why a government so bent on reducing carbon, fossil fuels and turning everything green would be opposed to letting a worthwhile fund such as the NWCF continue.

According to the World Wildlife Fund “all of Canada’s watersheds are experiencing some impact from climate change, with 21 of 167 sub-watersheds experiencing high impacts from climate change and a further 105 sub-watersheds moderately impacted by climate change. Further, WWF found that 93 of 167 Canadian sub-watersheds have suffered significant habitat loss through the conversion of natural spaces to agriculture or urbanization.”

It is a proven fact that watersheds, both urban and rural play a huge role in mitigating floods and droughts while at the same time storing carbon.

The slightly more than \$25.5 million that has been spent since 2014 is but a mere drop in the bucket when it comes to federal spending while at the same time ensuring that our great country has sustainable habitat well into the future. Hence we ask that the NWCF be retained.

I thank you for your consideration of this request,

Doug Butler, President
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