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*Wayne Stetski*

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The Honourable Catherine McKenna  
Minister of Environment and Climate Change  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

April 11, 2017

Dear Minister McKenna,

Following the success of Rouge Urban National Park, I have been approached by members of The David Suzuki Foundation regarding a proposal to create Gambier Island Near-Urban National Park.

Gambier Island, in Howe Sound, BC, would protect important terrestrial and marine ecosystems including the crown land woodlots and the sponge reef gardens. The proposal has the involvement of the Tsleil-Waututh and Squamish Nation, both of whom would have to play a critical role in the development of the park.

At this point, it is up to your department via Parks Canada to undertake a feasibility study on protecting Gambier Island and its surrounding marine area.

Will you please provide me with an update on the federal government's funding and timeline for such a study?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wayne Stetski".

Wayne Stetski  
Member of Parliament  
Kootenay-Columbia

Cc Stephen Foster, Howe Sound Campaign Lead, The David Suzuki Foundation