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Hello,

I would like to make a few brief comments about the federal government's review of environmental legislation. Thank you for doing this, and I appreciate the opportunity to comment.

Bills C-38 and C-45, enacted in 2012 under the Harper conservatives, have been extremely damaging. C-38 weakened the environmental review process and gutted the Fisheries Act. C-45 removed protection to 95% of our lakes and streams. The best thing to do would be to repeal these bills and restore the legislation that existed before them. The longer we wait, the more resource extraction projects will get approved under the current weak system, causing further damage to the environment that we all depend on. I am especially concerned about the risk to our water resources right now.

Once the former legislation is restored, then public consultation could occur to find ways for improvement. For example, all new projects should be reviewed for their impacts on climate change, including both upstream and downstream GHG emissions.

In addition, indigenous peoples of Canada need to have their right to free, prior, informed consent truly recognized with respect to projects proposed on their traditional territories. In many instances, consultation with indigenous people appears to be merely lip service, and projects are allowed to proceed without genuine approval.

Thank you,

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