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Dear [insert name],

**Re: Letter of Concern - Stop Allowing Gibraltar Mines Ltd. to send untreated mine tailings effluent into the Fraser River**

I am writing today to express concern over the Province of BC allowing untreated mine tailings discharge to be sent from the Gibraltar Mine into the Fraser River.

During a time when the environment and people that it supports are in the midst of a climate crisis with increased pressures being placed on our waterways and fish, I find it appalling that the Province allows the discharge of mine tailings effluent that does not meet water quality guidelines to be sent down a pipe and into the Fraser River. This river is British Columbia’s longest river, an essential migration route for salmon, home to the endangered White Sturgeon and an essential water source for the Indigenous Nations and the majority of citizens of BC.

The Tŝilhqot’in Nation and the Tŝilhqot’in community of ʔEsdilagh have appealed the increase in the permitted discharge, and are calling for proper water treatment and exploring alternatives to using the Fraser River. This letter confirms that I support their efforts and I call on you to take action and work with Indigenous communities to ensure that mining does not come at the expense of what we hold most dear.

BC needs to be a leader in taking care of our water and the resources, people and life that it supports, including for future generations. Using the Fraser River as essentially a sewer for this mine is unacceptable and needs to stop.

Our land and waters are what define us as a province. I stand with the Tŝilhqot’in National Government in condemning this discharge and call on you to immediately find ways for mining to be done more responsibly. It’s time for the Province of BC to do the right thing. Dilution is not the solution!

Sincerely,

[NAME]

[Contact details]