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Dear Honourable Officials of the Province of British Columbia:

I join citizens worldwide to oppose hunting rules that permit unlimited killing of wolves in British Columbia. Revised regulations allow year-round hunting and trapping with no bag limit, even in whelping season as females nurse pups.

To appease livestock interests, the provincial government has declared wholesale slaughter on wolves — even though wolves statistically account for a marginal loss of farmed animals each year. Wolves are also sterilized and killed to superficially boost caribou and elk populations for hunters. This irresponsible plan shows little regard for long-term biological repercussions. Wolves are key to thriving ecosystems. Wiping them out offsets natural cycles and fails to resolve human-predator conflicts.

I urge officials to pursue site-specific incentives that inspire farmers to better safeguard their animals: Fencing systems, guardian-dog grant initiatives, surveillance shepherds or range riders, carcass removal, damage compensation, etc.

Please prioritize funding for education about livestock-wildlife deterrents and humane agricultural practices. A reduced budget for the Predator Prevention and Compensation Program has prompted ranchers to exaggerate wolf problems and mitigate them on their own.

I also respectfully ask that the Wolf Sterilization and Removal Experiment (to accelerate caribou and elk numbers) be terminated.

Open season on wolves is ethically indefensible. In fact, I will steer my tourism dollars away from British Columbia until lethal tactics and sterilization are replaced with humane and sustainable policies. I look forward to your feedback.

Sincerely,