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Dear Courtney Trevis,

I am very concerned about the proposed Site C dam project in the fertile Peace River Valley.

The proposed project would have wide-ranging environmental, social and financial impacts both for the communities of the Peace River Valley and for all British Columbians.

Site C would flood more than 52 square kilometres of agricultural land, including B.C.'s only prime farmland north of Quesnel. Family farms that have been passed down for generations would be under water, and farmers would be forced to leave their productive land against their wishes. The loss of agricultural land combined with the losses of boreal forest, biodiversity and ecosystem services and functions including carbon sequestration are unacceptable risks that cannot be mitigated.

Site C would severely impact First Nations, flooding 78 First Nations heritage sites, including burial grounds and places of cultural and spiritual significance.

The proposed dam would eradicate wetlands that support migratory bird flocks and negatively impact at-risk species such as grizzly bear and wolverine. The loss of important wildlife corridors would contribute to genetic isolation and the potential loss of species.

Site C electricity is not needed for domestic consumption. Residential and commercial customers in B.C. have actually reduced their power consumption since 2008. The cost of Site C Dam to B.C. ratepayers and to our environment is simply too high.

Sincerely,
Sarena Talbot

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