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To: Manon Pepin

Subject: NAFEC

Good Morning --

I have become aware that there is discussion of ending the NAFEC. I wish to register the Conservation Council of New Brunswick's concern about this possibility. The engagement of community and non-profit groups in environment and health issues on the ground greatly advances public understanding and political accountability. It also adds value to the work of governments as they struggle to deal with complex issues that affect people and environments directly. To lose access to a source of funding for the public to engage in environmental issues would undermine much of the good work CEC has been able to do. I sincerely hope that the decision will be made based on the value of public engagement rather than on the inconvenience or cost of that engagement.

Sincerely,

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