Petition to the B.C. Legislative Assembly to end the wolf kill program

To the Honourable Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Legislature Assembled:

The petition of the undersigned residents of the province of British Columbia states that:

- Whereas, British Columbia has spent more than $1.5 million since 2014 to kill wolves using aerial gunning under the guise of recovering dwindling Mountain Caribou herds in the South Peace and South Selkirk regions alone;
- Whereas, the methods of killing wolves, namely aerial shooting and neck snaring, are widely recognized as inhumane because of the high potential of causing prolonged suffering before death and causing harm and death to unintended species;
- Whereas, evidence that wolf killing in British Columbia has been effective at recovering the caribou population is lacking;
- Whereas, the ultimate cause of caribou decline - the uncontrolled destruction, fragmentation, and degradation of habitat by industrial activities is well documented;
- Whereas, the associated roads, seismic lines, and packed snowmobile trails in caribou habitat facilitate wolves and other carnivores accessing caribou;
- Whereas, until the Government of B.C. commits to protect critical caribou habitat from the vested interests of oil, gas, logging, hunting and trapping, motorized and backcountry recreation, mountain caribou herds will continue to decline. This will happen even if thousands of additional wolves are needlessly killed for what scientists acknowledge would be several more decades.

We, the undersigned residents of British Columbia respectfully request that the Honourable House:

1. Immediately end the province's inhumane and ineffective wolf killing program
2. Phase-out industrial and recreational practices within habitat identified as critical for caribou recovery

Dated _____ day of _____, 2017

Name (printed) **Address with postal code (printed)** **Signature**

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