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Dear Ms. Peterson,

Thank you for letter on water and the environment.

You wonder at my “newfound interest in the environment” and ask if it is “all politics rather than action.” I would submit that not only do politics lead to action, but that my interest is hardly “newfound” at all. I have stood in the House of Commons and spoken on water pollution, water conservation, and water exports more than fifty times going back over twenty years. In addition, in 1986 I moved a Private Member’s Bill on drinking water. C-276, *The Canada Safe Drinking Water Act*, was designed to protect and enhance drinking water quality in Canada.

While your cynical assessment of my motives may ring true for others, I proudly stand behind my record on water and the environment.

I agree that safe drinking water is a rising concern in Canada, especially in aboriginal and rural communities. For that reason, I will continue to work to protect and conserve Canada’s water resources and to make clean water accessible to all Canadians.

Sincerely,

Bill Blaikie, MP  
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