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Dear Premier Ball,

The Western Environment Centre is a charitable, not-for-profit organization on the west coast of Newfoundland. Our primary mandate is environmental education. We have been closely following the public dialogue on the potential for hydraulic fracturing in western Newfoundland for the past few years. We also participated in the panel review on hydraulic fracturing that took place last year.

We thank you for undertaking the panel review and we are now interested in the response of the provincial government to the report. In particular we have the following questions:

- a) Will you make an official response to the panel review?
- b) Will you acknowledge the recommendations in the report?
- c) Will you establish a buffer zone around Gros Morne National Park, as recommended by the panel review?
- d) Will you continue the current "pause" on hydraulic fracturing?
- e) Will you legislate a moratorium or a ban on hydraulic fracturing?

We thank you in advance for your response.

Sincerely

Glen Keeling, Chair

Western Environment Centre

cc Minister Perry Trimper

cc Minister Siobhan Coady