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Mr. Tom Hedderson
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Dear Mr. Hedderson

As reigning Minister of Environment and Conservation you and your predecessors have made some profound decisions pertaining to the health and safety of our wildlife and wilderness resources. Many times issues regarding our George River Caribou, cod fishery and the problems with indiscriminate dumping, have been handled too little too late. The dangers of remote cabin development will never go away because as I quoted in previous letters many folks just don't get it. With all that said, it's not all doom and gloom environmentally in this province, especially regarding the placement of dumpsters in key locations on the North Shore and Perry's cove in Conception Bay. Newco Metals of St. John's have done a great job in giving the locals recycling dumpsters to throw their scrap. The volume of junk scrap that has been diverted from our wilderness areas is astounding. What a great way to re-use man kind's 21st century luxuries. Newco Metals and other small auto wreckers have done a respectable job also, of rounding up old car wrecks and buses lately. I know this is not rocket science however but we do have to start somewhere and showing good stewardship to the land is a long time coming. The question is, are we going to maintain this culture of environmental safety in the years to come, or are old habits going to die hard. Whatever choices we make it's about the survival of our ecosystems and their bio diversity. Every little thing we do matters folks, for we only have one earth.

Yours in Conservation Tony O'Leary

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