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Dear Mr. Mahoney:

What do you believe? Lately in the news all you hear is industry cutting down environmentalists and environmentalists cutting down industry. The debate continues on yet no one seems to agree on anything. I know from my own experience it takes years to clean up a environmental night mare. The research I have done, at my own expense and time, has been educational to say the least. I have read many research reports on toxins in the environment, and have come to one conclusion. How do governments and industry expect future generations to make healthy decisions without quality air, water and wild spaces. Some people believe what they want to believe and see what they want to see, hoping someone else will take care of the problems in the world. That's evident in my own hometown. The level of disordered thought and emotion I have had the privilege to witness is enough to bring tears to a glass eye. In the 21st century there has to be a sensible way to deal with folks and the seriousness of their environmental legacy. After all don't we want the best for our families? Given the predictions of the world's top scientists should we wait any longer to protect these precious life support systems? The ponds and brooks behind my house and in Newfoundland and Labrador are second to none. Just ask someone who knows nothing of pure clean water. The truth of the matter is, many of the citizens of the world will never have the privilege we have had in our province to drink water from a remote pond or lake. The only water they will know is from a bottle. That's damn sad. There are dire predictions for the world's water supplies that cannot be over looked. So please, Mr. Mahoney, Premier William's and Miss Johnson lets not be the province that says I wish we

had done something sooner. In the years to come Newfoundland and Labrador's greatest resource won't be oil but the thousands of lakes and ponds that dot our landscape. We cannot have jobs at any cost to the environment anymore. This is evident around our own country. I suggested limited access to our remote wilderness areas as a start for environmental health. If mankind can evolve this far in history, surely he can find a better and more environmentally friendly way to navigate around this old earth. The price will be too high if we don't. I believe industry and all involved will have to make great advancements in the near future in order to stave off disaster. Let's not be the province who should have done something sooner.

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