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Northwest British Columbia Resource Benefits Alliance 300-4545 Lazelle Ave. Terrace, BC V8G 4E1

Dear Chair Bill Miller, Chair Barry Pages and Mayor Phil Germuth,

Thank you for your letter regarding the Northwest BC Resource Benefits Alliance (RBA). I read it with great interest.

I have lived in northwestern BC my entire life. I am proud to call this region home and look forward to creating good, family-supporting jobs so my daughters and their families have even better opportunities than I did.

I am a strong advocate for resource-based jobs. There is no doubt about that. They are the backbone of our northern BC and provincial economy. Resource revenue can only come from resource development – something the BC NDP continually opposes. I support the responsible development of our resource-based economy because it will lead to increased investments in the kinds of infrastructure and services that our communities want and need. My number one priority as MLA will be to sit down with the communities in Skeena and fight for every possible benefit for our riding.

Working with communities in Skeena to form a common front to advocate for responsible resource development is a critical role of an MLA. Skeena needs a strong voice in government to achieve this. I want to be that voice for Skeena in government. As community leaders, you and I must proactively attract investment while countering misguided views that would stop the creation of these jobs. My view is that advocating for revenue sharing goes hand-in-hand with advocating for resource development.

Delivering results for Skeena residents is what I will do. I have a record as an elected official of fighting for my community. If elected, that is what I intend to do for Skeena - each and every day.

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely.

Ellis Ross

BC Liberal Candidate

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