PETITION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA ON NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION ACT

WHEREAS :

1) Changes made to the *Navigable Waters Protection Act* in the Conservative omnibus budget bill mean only 62 rivers, 97 lakes and 3 oceans are now protected, compared to protection that existed for virtually all of the hundreds of thousands of lakes and millions of rivers in Canada before the budget.
2) Projects that could affect the public right to navigation no longer need an environmental assessment or public consultation before proceeding
3) Now, the burden of responsibility for protecting Canada's waterways is reversed, forcing citizens, groups, businesses, first nations, fishers, and municipalities to take projects to court when their right to navigation has been violated.
4) Valuable salmon streams, recreational properties, kayak and canoe routes, and traditional navigation routes are all at risk of unbridled, unregulated development

We, the undersigned, citizens of Canada, call upon the Government of Canada:

- **To assume its responsibility to protect the public's right to navigation**
- **To guarantee the continued right to navigation on all of Canada's lakes and rivers, and restore the environmental assessment process for proposed development projects on and near bodies of water.**
- **To commit to meaningful public consultation prior to approval of any project that could affect the right to navigation**

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