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Dear Ms. Goad;

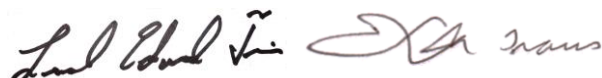
This letter is sent with regards to the Bridal Veil Mountain Resort project. This project was brought to our attention by friends who live in the area, and who have been able to describe this project to us. As a means of perspective, we are the parents of two grown young men, age 20 and 21. We have always raised our boys to love nature, and to find ways to respectfully enjoy nature, without harm or damage in keeping with the ideals of "leave nothing behind". And although we have not traveled to the Vancouver area before, it has always been in our mind to do so. We have heard such great things about the city, and the natural beauty of the surrounding country, a visit to this area is certainly at the top of our international travel list.

The addition of this resort would certainly increase our interest and motivation to travel to your area. As an avid skier, mountaineer, and outdoorsman, I have always been in love with nature. I have lived in France and have hiked and skied at many mountains throughout Europe, including the more remote and "nature friendly" resorts of the Pyrenees Mountains and the Sierra Nevada Mountains in Spain. It sounds like the Bridal Veil Resort would be yet another amazing opportunity to get close to nature in many different ways.

I am also an aficionado of Indigenous peoples. I am earning my PhD in Urban and Regional Planning, and as a result I spend a lot of time with Indigenous peoples here in our home country of the Philippines. I know from personal experience how important it is to develop a strong bond with the local indigenous people, to ensure a strong partnership including respect for the cultural heritage of the land. Without this the project surely should not proceed. But, with it, a new dimension of interest could be added to the resort concept which educates people of the history of the area, especially regarding the indigenous tribes and their culture. If you can achieve this, then a truly wonderful, fully integrated and culturally exciting result can be achieved. This will help to bring the resort far above the standard of typical mountain resorts, and place Bridal Veil in a class of its own.

As a partner to indigenous peoples, government bodies, and resort developers here in the Philippines, I know all too well the challenges that you face. The road is long and difficult, with many challenges to be overcome. Remember that the most important key to success is the respect and partnership with the indigenous peoples with whom the area is more than just land, but their very lives. We pray that your efforts amongst all parties will achieve success, and that we will eventually have yet another wonderful incentive to visit Canada.

With kindest regards,



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