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Right Hon Paul Martin
Prime Minister of Canada
Langevin Block
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Dear Prime Minister:

The Vancouver Port Authority's proposed two-phase container port expansion on Roberts Bank in Delta BC, may have profound and deleterious impacts on the habitat of the Fraser River estuary. Habitats on Roberts Bank and adjoining areas are critical to fish stocks and vital to five million migratory birds.

The Society Promoting Environmental Protection is asking you to implement an Independent Panel Review of this project under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, rather than an in-house review, in order to examine the environmental effects of the proposed expansion. We also ask that both phases of the Port be examined jointly, not separately, and that the full environmental impact of this expansion on the entire Fraser River estuary, as well as the cumulative effect of past and proposed expansion on that ecosystem, be assessed.

Sincerely

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