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Dear [Mr./Mrs./Ms. full name – send to MPs ONLY],

I am writing on behalf of [Club name], an affiliate of CFUW (Canadian Federation of University Women), a national organization with 94 Clubs across Canada and over 6,600 members. Throughout our 105-year history, CFUW has worked to achieve a world in which women and girls are educated and empowered to make transformative change in the world.

In addition to being committed human rights activists, we are also passionate about protecting the environment. For that reason, CFUW recently passed a Resolution on an important topic to which we would like to draw your attention: deep sea mining.

The world’s **deep sea ecosystems are home to a unique and abundant array of diverse marine species**. The seabed is a critical habitat for many of these species, which play an important role in sustaining wider ocean ecosystems and in **regulating climate by sequestering carbon**.

But the ocean’s deep seabed is at risk of industrial-scale mining, due to growing demand for the rare metals found in its rocks. Mining would **destroy sponges, corals, and other important marine life and habitats** on the seabed. It would also produce harmful light and sound pollution and **sediment clouds** capable of traveling many kilometres, threatening to smother species or disturb their feeding.

The current federal government has stated it will not authorize seabed mining in Canadian waters in the absence of a rigorous regulatory structure. CFUW applauds this position, and urges you to **voice your support for the continuation of this domestic deep sea mining moratorium**. In international waters, however, mining operations could begin within the next year, with no regulations from the International Seabed Authority (ISA) yet in place.

As an MP who shares our concern for the environment, CFUW encourages you to join us in **urging the** **Canadian government to increase its efforts to persuade other ISA member states to support an international deep sea mining moratorium** until comprehensive, science-based, and enforceable regulations are developed. We also call on the Government of Canada to fund research on the deep sea, so we can better understand and protect these critical ecosystems.

Thank you very much for your attention and support on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

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President, [Club name]