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Dear Mr. Luckham:

Thank you for your correspondence of March 20, 2018, regarding the Anchorages initiative under the Oceans Protection Plan and the Interim Protocol on Anchorages.

I appreciate the challenges facing the residents of the southern Gulf Islands region. I can assure you that the Government of Canada takes these concerns very seriously.

As you are aware, a national Anchorages initiative under Canada's Oceans Protection Plan (OPP) is currently underway. The government's objective is to develop a national framework to provide a set of standards for the selection and use of anchorage locations in Canada. This framework will be sensitive to environmental, economic, social, and cultural considerations and promote best practices for vessels at anchor, as well as consider broader management issues. With this in mind, I have asked my officials to take note of your suggestions.

I have also asked that Ms. Yvette Myers, Executive Director, OPP Pacific Region, follow up with you regarding your specific questions and comments on the Interim Protocol.

I trust this information proves helpful. Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely,

The Honourable Marc Garneau, P.C., M.P.
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