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Dear Prime Minister and Honourable Ministers:

Re: Endorsement of Bill C-216 to Save Lives

I am writing on behalf of Islands Trust Council to convey its endorsement of Bill C-216 “An Act to Amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and to Enact the Expungement of Certain Drugs-related Convictions Act and the National Strategy on Substance Use Act.”

I was pleased today to learn of a time-limited exemption for three years under the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (CDSA) so that adults in British Columbia will not be subject to criminal charges for personal possession of small amounts of certain illegal drugs. However, this is an issue that would benefit from national attention.

Our hearts are with the families and friends of those people who have died of overdoses and we urge you to take additional action to prevent more deaths across the country.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yours truly,

Peter Luckham

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Bowen Denman Hornby Gabriola Galiano Gambier Lasqueti Mayne North Pender Salt Spring Saturna South Pender Thetis