Alberta Wilderness Association
"Defending Wild Alberta through Awareness and Action"

Honourable Grant Hunter

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Request for Extension on Deadline to Provide Feedback on *Modernizing Alberta's Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* Discussion Paper

Dear Minister Hunter,

Alberta Wilderness Association is writing to request an extension to the stakeholder engagement period for the *Modernizing Alberta's Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act (EPEA)* discussion paper. While we appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback, we believe that the discussed changes are significant and will have implications for all of Alberta, therefore requiring more time than the allotted 10 days.

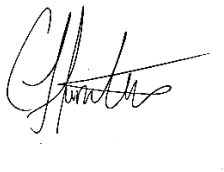
EPEA is Alberta's key environmental legislation, outlining how our collective air, water, land, and biodiversity is to be managed. Its stated purpose is "to support and promote the protection, enhancement and wise use of the environment," and the Act recognizes "the protection of the environment is essential to the integrity of ecosystems and human health and to the well-being of society."

It is unacceptable to request feedback on consequential proposed changes to EPEA on such an expedited timeline and without due notice to all those who are interested and affected. Meaningful engagement is strengthened by a diversity of perspectives from the whole of society. Making sure that interested parties and members of the public have sufficient time to review the discussion document, consult with their members and stakeholders, and develop informed responses is essential to a fair and effective engagement process.

We request you extend the deadline for submissions to at least 60 business days and make a formal announcement of the engagement process, so all interested parties and members of the public are aware and provided with appropriate notice to participate.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,



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