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Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, P.C., M.P.
Minister, Fisheries and Oceans Canada
200 Kent Street
Station 15N100
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Dear Minister:

RE Tour operations at Churchill, Manitoba, and Beluga Whales

I write to raise matters of concern for tourism businesses whose activities include boat tours designed to permit customers to view the Beluga Whale population near the Churchill, Manitoba, shore of Hudson Bay. These include, but are not limited to:

1. Clarity as to differences between the state of the Beluga Whale populations in the St. Lawrence Seaway, marine mammal and killer whale populations off Canada's west coast, and Beluga Whale populations, here, near Churchill in Hudson Bay;
2. The role of Churchill-based tourism businesses in protecting the Beluga Whale population in Hudson Bay;
3. The facilitation of tourism at Churchill, Manitoba, that promotes public awareness of the Hudson Bay Beluga Whale population; and
4. Clarity as to any regulations which could affect Churchill-based tourism businesses that operate Beluga Whale tours.

In respect of the concerns outlined above, I ask to meet with you, your departmental officials and/or your ministerial office staff at the earliest opportunity to make a more complete presentation of concerns and research, and to answer any questions which might arise. I would be pleased to make myself available as convenient.

Sincerely,

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