



July 6<sup>th</sup> 2018

Mr. Terry Beech, M.P.  
Parliamentary Secretary to the  
Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard  
House of Commons  
Ottawa ON K1A 0E6

Dear Parliamentary Secretary Beech:

**RE Tour operations at Churchill, Manitoba, and Beluga Whales**

It was my pleasure to meet you, last week, in Churchill, Manitoba. It was also my pleasure to introduce you to Churchill's Beluga whales on a boat tour. As you witnessed, in the Hudson Bay basin, Beluga whales are unusually friendly.

I have written Minister LeBlanc's office several times over the past eighteen months. Since you have now experienced whale watching in our little seaside village, I believe you understand more of our trepidation in respect of potential regulations and rules which could damage or destroy our whale-watching industry.

I take the liberty of enclosing our last correspondence to Minister LeBlanc. There are several questions which we as an association have put forward. Thus far, I have received no response. In order to provide a more secure business environment for our businesses and our very remote community, we ask if you might assist with facilitating a reply from the Minister's Office and/or the Minister's departmental officials.

Further, in respect of the concerns alluded to above and enumerated in the enclosed, I ask you to facilitate a meeting with you and Minister LeBlanc, departmental officials and/or ministerial office staff at the earliest opportunity to make a more complete presentation of our 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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Wally Daudrich, President

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Mike Reimer, Churchill Wild  
John Gunter, Frontiers North Adventures

Colin Ferguson, President, Travel Manitoba  
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