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The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, PC, MP  
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Dear Prime Minister Harper:

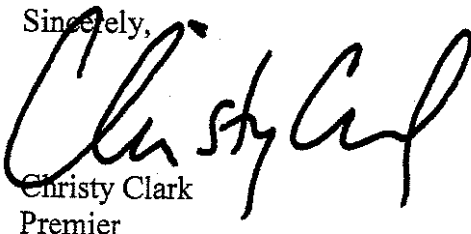
I am writing today to express my concern and that of the local residents and boaters in the Vancouver area regarding the announced closure of the Kitsilano Coast Guard Station.

As expressed by Justice Minister Shirley Bond in her letter to Fisheries Minister Ashfield, British Columbia sympathizes and shares the sense of urgency on the matter of ensuring public sector efficiency and achieving a balanced budget in these uncertain economic times. However, I believe there is a legitimate concern around this matter as it affects public safety. We are concerned this closure decision will have an adverse affect on the well-being of fishers, boaters and other recreational or professional users of the waters within the catchment area of the Kitsilano Coast Guard service.

I would urge you to revisit this decision in light of the many concerns that have been raised by all stakeholders and ensure that the regions have the proper resources to safely protect our waters.

I thank you in advance for the consideration you are giving to this matter and I look forward to a positive resolution. If you would like to discuss this issue with me further, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Christy Clark  
Premier