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Re: Letter of Support for the Canada Ecology Centre

I remember first meeting Bill Steer many years ago when he introduced me to the Canada Ecology Centre (CEC) and their forestry industry teacher's tour. Bill envisioned something similar for the mining industry. I was Chair of the local branch of the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy & Petroleum (CIM) at the time. Our CIM branch was the first group to support the concept financially and helped coordinate activities and speakers and the Mining Teachers Tour began. Since that time the CEC has introduced the mining industry to as many as one thousand or more teachers. I have attended a number of sessions over the years and the overwhelming response of the teachers is a very positive impression of our industry. I remember one college professor so impressed he asked if he could bring his whole class on a tour, and Bill made it happen.

It is estimated that teachers will teach as many as 5,000 students over their career. Teachers that are introduced to mining and provided with accurate information about our industry ultimately share that knowledge with their students. Some of those students may be interested in working in our industry, and in addition to that beneficial outcome, just fostering a better public understanding of mining will help our industry in so many ways.

The CEC is a not-for-profit enterprise that has operated independently for 27 years but is currently enduring significant financial hardship in dealing with a devastating storm that hit their site in 2025. The group has supported our industry for many years and now are in need, and very deserving, of the support of our industry.

Regards,



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