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**From:** skye ladell [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
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**Cc:** skye ladell  
**Subject:** Thank you for reply. From Rupert 12 and Franny 9

Hello and Happy Earth Day!

Thank you so much for answering the letter we wrote to you on March 22, 2016, World Water Day. We have just heard that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities will not be voting on the City of Victoria's Federal Bill of Environmental Rights Resolution this June. We hope it will be looked at the next time they meet.

We would like your municipality to consider writing a letter directly to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Catherine McKenna and other federal leaders, including your local Member of Parliament, asking them to champion a Federal Bill of Environmental Rights. We are adding a sample letter for you to look at.

We are so thankful to you for taking the time to write back to us. We don't have all the words to describe how it makes us feel, but it is amazing to be listened to and have our ideas and requests respected. We wish all kids shared our feeling of being empowered. If they did they would probably do so much more to make the world a better place.

Thank you for reading this letter. We feel so lucky to live in British Columbia where so many people and communities care about the environment and are willing to work to make positive change.

Sincerely,

Rupert and Franny

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SAMPLE LETTER RE- SUPPORT FOR FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS LEGISLATION

Email: [pm@pm.gc.ca](mailto:pm@pm.gc.ca)

**Mailing address:**

The Right Honourable [FIRST & LAST NAME]  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON Canada  
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[DATE]

Dear Prime Minister [FIRST & LAST NAME],

Cc: Minister of the Environment, Minister of Health, other party leaders, environment critics, local MP

Please be advised that [LOCAL GOVERNMENT] passed the attached declaration on [DATE] recognizing the right to live in a healthy environment.

As stated in the highlighted section of the motion, we encourage the Parliament to pass legislation to protect environmental rights that:

1. recognizes the right of every resident to live in a healthy environment, including the right to clean air, clean water, safe food and resilient, fully functioning ecosystems;
2. provides for public participation in decision-making on issues regarding the environment and access to environmental information;
3. provides access to justice when environmental rights are infringed; and
4. includes provisions for whistle-blower protection.

We note that a federal environmental bill of rights has been introduced in the past, most recently as Bill C-634.

[LOCAL GOVERNMENT] City Council also supports inclusion of human environmental rights in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Federal leadership on this issue is essential for the sustainability and prosperity of our country as well as the health and wellbeing of our children.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[SIGNATORY FIRST & LAST NAME]