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Dear Mike Hurley (Mayor), Burnaby,

Congratulations on becoming my next Member of Parliament. As one of your constituents, I am writing to express my concerns, which I hope you share, for animal welfare in Canada. In the recent election I voted for animals; and recently with the help of a survey hosted by Humane Canada, I am happy to share Canadians' top three animal welfare priorities: Re-introduction and passage of Bill S-214 (ban on cosmetic testing on animals). The creation of an all-party committee to review existing animal welfare legislation and make recommendations for improvements. Funding provided to strengthen our legal system's response to animal cruelty through training for enforcement officers, Crown Prosecutors and judges regarding animal cruelty crimes. I am also concerned about:

The wide-spread use of poisons in rodent control is killing our wildlife and harming greenspaces and waterways. Municipalities can play a key role in reducing rodenticide use and educating residents on preventative and alternative control measures.

Taking action to address which pest control measures are used on municipal property can make a significant change and show leadership on environmental, animal welfare and public health issues in local communities. The District of North Vancouver and the District of Saanich recently passed motions to ban rodenticide use on all municipal properties – I am now asking you to do the same for our community.

The BC SPCA is dedicated to supporting humane pest control and has spent years developing research partnerships, setting evidence-based wildlife-friendly standards through its AnimalKind accreditation program for wildlife and pest control companies, and working with municipalities to make local change. Each community has a role in preventing the suffering of animals and this action taken by Mayor and Council will be supported by the BC SPCA, other environmental and animal organizations, and residents.

I hope you will help make these issues a priority when you represent our riding, and, in the work you take on during this Parliament. If you would like to know more about Humane Canada and the work they do on behalf of Humane Societies and SPCAs, I invite you to visit www.humanecanada.ca. Congratulations again, and I look forward to the work you will do to improve the state of animal welfare in Canada. Sincerely,

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