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Improvement
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Honourable Mary Polak
Minister of Healthy Living and Sports
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Dear Honourable Polak:

The Union Bay Improvement District is responsible for purveying water to landowners in the southern portion of the Comox Valley Regional District – south of Spindrift Drive to the Tsable River area. The area is serviced by surface water from Langley Lake which is owned by the Improvement District.

Recent development prospective in the area has initiated a man-date from the Minister of Community Development for a Regional Water System Commission to be developed. This process has begun however without an effective Drinking Water Protection Plan there is no assurance that adequate provisions will be made for requirements to be implemented.

Union Bay Improvement District and Island Timberlands (formerly Weyhaeuser) worked co-operatively in 2003 to develop a Watershed Protection Plan for Langley Lake. This plan identified areas of concerns and provided a work plan. In 2004 UBID initiated a water meter program together with a Leak Detection Program and Drought Water Management Plan. The Vancouver Island Health Authority has now requested a water treatment plan to address the 4-3-2-1 Treatment Regulation for Safe Drinking Water. Implementation of treatment is dependent on landowner support for borrowing or adequate funds being acquired.

The Union Bay Improvement District Trustees support the concept of a Regional Water System and believe that an ordered Drinking Water Protection Plan will ensure that all water purveyors will have an opportunity of addressing concerns and obtain workable solutions. The Improvement District has a vested interest in participating in a Drinking Water Protection Plan to give legislation to take the necessary steps to provide Safe Drinking Water for the landowners of Union Bay as man-dated by the regulatory bodies.

Your support of an ordered Drinking Water Protection Plan is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Honourable Lekstrom, Minister of Community Development
Dr. Charmaine Enns, Vancouver Island Health Authority
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