

\*Dear \_\_\_\_\_ (My local MP <https://www.ourcommons.ca/Members/en>),

**\*Dear Ms./Mr. Last name or To The Honourable First name Last name**

I am writing this to you as a staff member fortunate enough to experience and grow from the benefits of attending summer camp year after year. I have been made aware that with the absolute lack of all revenues for the summer and no way to recoup any of that income, many camps are being challenged to being able to remain open going forward. I am hoping, with all of my being, that the government is able to find some way to provide assistance and funding to the many camps in the province and throughout the country. The ability for these camps to be able to keep their websites up and running, their administrators working in the background, their directors planning for the next summer is critical at this time. This summer is a disaster for many kids; no other way to put it. But let's make sure they have hope that their favorite place in the world can be there for them next summer. For some kids, it is what gets them through the school year?

*2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph – share your or your child's personal experience (for example)*

I grow more every summer as a person than I do the other 10 months of the year. Camp gave me a place to be myself, to explore who I was, to make new friends and take those first steps of independence as an active citizen. Camp taught me how hard we sometimes have to work to get through a day - this builds character, resilience, and a joy for life like nothing else does. As a result of camp, I have grown into a mature, caring adult. As I am finding my way in this complicated world, I believe I am doing this with success; aided by the lessons and skills I learned growing up and working at camp.

The importance of summer camp cannot be overlooked or forgotten during this difficult pandemic time. There are so many needs and wants of so many organizations, groups, businesses as we all try to survive in this time. I just wanted my voice to be heard that we owe it to the kids of the future to continue to provide them with a place to grow and thrive in the summer months, away from school and their families, and a chance to develop into the best people they can be under the guidance of amazing people at these summer camps.

I am hoping that I can count on you as a strong voice in parliament to put forth your vote that funding towards summer camps is a high priority and that your belief in its importance is strong. I want to make sure more kids continue to have this chance as we move forward through this pandemic and towards a new normal.

Thank you for your time - stay safe and well!

Sincerely,

Name