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Dear Minister Joly,

I live in the riding of North Island-Powell River and I'm writing to support my Member of Parliament's request to locate an office of the new BC Regional Economic Development Agency (BCREDA) in our region.

We've had to face a lot of economic challenges in the past couple of years - a forestry strike, the loss of our thriving tourism industry including a decrease in sports fishing, reduced output from the paper mill, and the closure of open-pen salmon farms in the Discovery Islands. We need federal government support to help us recover.

Locating an office of the new agency in our region would create jobs and it would help government to better understand the needs and challenges of rural and remote communities. It's a win-win!

The key to success in our region is to let us bring the ideas to you, not have Ottawa tell us what we need to do. I hope you will listen to what we have to say.

Please locate an office of the new BCREDA in our riding!

Sincerely,