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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for taking the time to contact me regarding the recovery plan for boreal woodland caribou. Your thoughts are appreciated and taken into consideration.

Conservatives agree that we must use the best available science to assist in the recovery of caribou while ensuring we do not impact other species in Canada's forests, or hurt our rural economies.

Effective recovery of the boreal caribou will require innovation, cooperation, and collaboration. This can only be done in partnership with the federal government, provinces, territories, Indigenous Peoples and local communities.

Although it is critical that we get the science right, we also need to understand what any government decision might mean to local communities and the families who rely on jobs in forestry and the broader natural resources sector. The consequence of any government decision on the ability of Indigenous communities to derive socioeconomic benefits from the forests that they live in must also be assessed.

Conservatives are calling on the Liberal Government to undertake a detailed analysis of socio-economic impacts for each impacted region in the country. It is important to consider the complete array of factors that may affect caribou populations.

Thank you again for your email. If my office can be of any further assistance on this or any other matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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