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Dear Conservation Leader,

We are seeking the support of your organization as we face yet another threat here in British Columbia. As hunters, we are under a constant barrage of hate, misinformation and continue to lose social license at an alarming rate- but you can make that change to stop this.

We are in a fight and need to speak loudly and counteract the untruths we face as hunters, conservationists, and consumptive users of our backcountry in British Columbia. Unfortunately, social pressures are being used to try to pull the regulations lever to close regulated hunting.

Thinly veiled under the guise of conservation, a concerted attack is now in place once again - specifically named are black bears, cougars, wolves, elk, and bighorn sheep. They came for the grizzly bear hunt, and we lost it due to social pressures. We need to take a stand now, or we will forever lose what we hold special. We know there is so much more to the hunt than at face value- and we are asking you to support us in our cause. We know this is the tip of the iceberg, with the end goal being the complete elimination of hunting. This is not about some wildlife- it is about all wildlife.

The WSSBC is launching a grassroots campaign to engage our political officials like never before, and we need the support of every single person that supports hunting. In British Columbia, we have 110,000+ voices as hunters, and if each one of us brings in just one more voice, we increase exponentially. With our Worldwide reach, into the millions. We have driven change before, and we can do it again.

If this is something you believe in, we would appreciate a letter of support addressed to The Premier of British Columbia stating you are behind our movement and that you stand for science-based management. For your reference, we have included the letter the Wild Sheep Society of BC is sending to our government. I kindly ask that should you provide a letter, you send it directly to us, as our intent is to deliver the letters collectively to the Premier's office.

We would welcome you sharing this message to your membership as this movement will impact all hunters across the Globe. If able, please direct your members to [www.wildsheepsociety.com/actnow](http://www.wildsheepsociety.com/actnow) where we have specific instructions for your members to participate. We have also included a one-page document with additional details meant for distribution to your membership.

Yours in Conservation,

p.p. Past President Signature  
Dave Heitsman, *President, Wild Sheep Society of British Columbia*