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To the NEB,

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My name is Dr. Michael Brent Des Harnais. I have a BSc. in biochemistry and microbiology and I am a doctor of veterinary medicine. I own and operate a veterinary clinic in Smithers. I service the Bulkley Valley, providing veterinary care for pets, livestock and wildlife. I have a strong connection to the agriculture industry in the region.

As a veterinarian, I am a professional voice, a steward, if you will, to the animals of this area. My livelihood is dependent on the health and well being of the animals and the environment in which they feed, live and reproduce. There is overwhelming evidence that massive environmental contamination resulting from oil spills has a significant and prolonged negative impact on all ecosystems. When, not if, there is an ecological disaster resulting from the Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline Project, there will be a total collapse of this community and the entire Northwest region. The damage would be irreversible, and life as we know it today in this beautiful part of the world, would be changed forever.

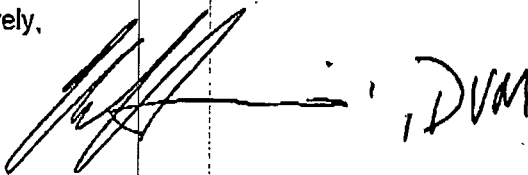
To build a pipeline and transport oil through the diverse and rich ecosystems of the Pacific Northwest is ludicrous. The environmental risks associated with transporting oil via pipeline to Kitimat and shipping it to Asia in super tankers is too great. It is inevitable that a spill will occur on land and/or water, with devastating consequences.

In my opinion, the NEB should not grant an extension to the Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline Project. By granting an extension, the NEB would be in contempt of what the majority of people in British Columbia have spoken out against.

I believe we are at a crossroads in our world. Do we journey down the path where economics trumps everything, or do we cherish and protect the things that are priceless and irreplaceable if lost?

I invite the NEB to see that preserving this part of the world is in the best interest of the Nation, for all Canadians and the entire world. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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