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Greetings, Minister Mary Polak, I just viewed an excerpt from your holiday greeting to the people of the Province of BC. I'd like to feel it was sincere. I have no doubt that if you, your family and loved ones lived on or near Shawnigan Lake you would never have granted the permit to dump toxic waste in our watershed in the first place. In ten years, once our watershed has accepted all the toxins you allow, our community will be dead. We're living in fear. All logic points to the failure of the dump site to contain the toxins. Watersheds are meant to leak, that's their function, and SIA has proven their inability to contain material at their Stebbings Road site.

Please, can't you understand you are ruining everything that is good about our community? We have the right to protect our environment. No one has the right to destroy it.

I'm so sad. Mary, this can't be easy for you, but you can change your mind, and do what's right for the people you are sworn to serve. Please, be our hero, not the source of our demise.

With all due respect, and kind regards,
Elaine Dale,
Shawnigan Lake, BC