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The Honorable Catherine McKenna MP
Environment and Climate Change Canada
200 Sacré-Coeur Boulevard
Gatineau QC K1A 0H3

**Re : Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir Project (Registry Ref. No. 80123)**

Dear Minister McKenna,

I am writing to you in regards to the June 9 Federal Court judgment (Docket: T-1535-16, Citation: 2017 FC 560) that returned to you the decision of whether to refer the environmental assessment of the Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir Project to a review panel under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*.

I respectfully ask that you act on this direction from the Federal Court as soon as possible and that environmental assessment of the Springbank Project not be referred to a review panel. Considering the extensive review and study undertaken of the Springbank Project, the Natural Resources Conservation Board public hearing process, and the profound risk facing this City, a review panel process is not in the public interest as it would unreasonably and unnecessarily delay construction of the Springbank Project. Each year there is a clear and considerable danger posed to Calgarians’ lives and property due to flooding. The Springbank Project is the only realistic flood mitigation project for the Elbow River. It is supported by all three levels of Government and is urgently required to address flooding risk.

I ask you, on behalf of myself and my fellow Calgarians, to expedite the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency’s review of the Springbank Project, and to decline to refer that assessment to a review panel.

Sincerely,

[insert name]