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**Subject:** B.C. Needs Bold, Coordinated Action to Reduce Wildfire Risk

Dear Premier Eby,

As a concerned British Columbian and viewer of *B.C. is Burning*, I am urging your government to act on the film’s core message: B.C. must shift from focusing on reactive wildfire suppression to proactive, science-based forest management to reduce fuel loads, protect communities, and restore ecological resilience.

We are now regularly burning more than five times the forest area we harvest annually. The solution is not to stop forest activity—it is to scale up thinning, regeneration harvesting, prescribed burning, and fibre utilization to reduce fuels and rebuild fire-adapted landscapes.

Yet progress is being blocked by:

* Siloed conflicting mandates between the Ministry of Forests and the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, delaying approvals and action.
* Land-use constraints (Mule Deer Winter Range, Visual Quality Objectives, Old Growth Deferrals) that prevent access to high-risk areas even near communities.
* Regulations like the Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation (OBSCR) that restrict prescribed and cultural fire, one of our most effective prevention tools.

Permitting must be streamlined. Projects submitted by qualified professionals should be approved within 30 days.

Meanwhile, wildfire emissions have become B.C.’s largest source of greenhouse gases, yet they remain excluded from climate targets. We need to update the Climate ChangeAccountability Act and forest carbon policy to reflect this growing threat.

We also need long-term fibre access to support sawmills, pellet plants, and bioenergy from wildfire mitigation—this requires modernization of the Forest and Ranges Practices Act and Forest Act.

B.C. must develop and publicly commit to a science-based wildfire resilience plan with:

* Fuel reduction targets and timelines
* Cross-ministry coordination
* Dedicated funding (e.g., Forest Enhancement Society of BC scaled to at least 20% of California’s program)
* A public dashboard tracking real progress
* Lead by operational experts, not just policy advisors

Premier Eby, I respectfully ask you to announce initiation of this plan within the next three months. The risk grows with every season. B.C. cannot afford another year of delay.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]
[Your Community or Riding]