

The Right Honourable Stephen Harper
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Dear Prime Minister Harper:

The Canadian Government is proposing massive cuts to Parks Canada's archaeologists, conservators and infrastructures that will effectively cripple the federal archaeology program. These cuts will be partially implemented through Bill C-38 but they reflect a wider attitude that disregards the vital importance of Canadian cultural and natural heritage, including Canadian archaeology.

I am very concerned that there will now be only 12 archaeologists and 8 conservators to support 218 national parks, historic sites and marine conservation areas, even though Canada has committed to their protection through their designations.

Removing artifact collections from Calgary, Winnipeg, Cornwall, Quebec City and Halifax to Ottawa will drastically impact ability to link material heritage with regional scholars and local publics. This, in turn, will negatively impact national identity and unity.

I put my faith in the federal government to use a significant portion of my tax revenue to protect our national heritage. Please reconsider these actions.

Sincerely,
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