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The Honourable Gerry Ritz
Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
1341 Baseline Road
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0C5

Dear Minister Ritz,

Re: Restrictions on import of shark fins to Canada

It's been nearly two years since your government committed to implementing restrictions on the import of shark fin and I am disappointed that I have yet to see any action. Furthermore, CFIA officials have repeatedly ignored my requests to meet with them to get more information on their progress.

I'm concerned that the continued delays demonstrate the government's lack of commitment to diminishing Canada's role in the global shark fin trade, which is fuelled by the detestable practice of shark finning. It is well documented that shark finning is having devastating impacts on ocean health and threatens the sustainability of numerous endangered shark species.

I hope you can offer me assurances that you are indeed committed to moving forward on these regulations and that they will be implemented in time before Parliament dissolves for the next general election. Thank you for your time, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Fin Donnelly, MP
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cc. The Hon. Gail Shea, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans
Dr. Bruce Archibald, President of CFIA
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