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Marg Milburn

Representative

Environmental Rights Caucus of the New Brunswick Environmental Network

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Dear Ms. Milburn,

I write on behalf of the New Brunswick Medical Society (NBMS) following your presentation to our Health Policy and Promotion Committee in support of the stated goals of your proposed bill: *Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) for New Brunswick, An Act to Protect Children, All New Brunswickers and Nature*. As advocates, we recognize the crucial interdependence between environmental well-being and the health of our communities.

We understand the unique physical, developmental, and behavioural vulnerabilities that children face. It is paramount that we take tangible steps to safeguard their rights and well-being. An EBR could play a pivotal role in achieving this objective by ensuring a healthier environment for children to thrive. Given that children are often the least empowered to express their rights, it becomes our collective responsibility to advocate on their behalf. The goals of such a bill aligns with our commitment to health promotion and equity and underscores the significance of preserving our natural environment for the benefit of current and future generations.

The NBMS stands firmly behind the goals of an *Environmental Bill of Rights for New Brunswick*, especially its role in protecting children, all residents, and the environment. We look forward to witnessing the positive impact of your commitment to the health and well-being of New Brunswickers.

Sincerely,



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