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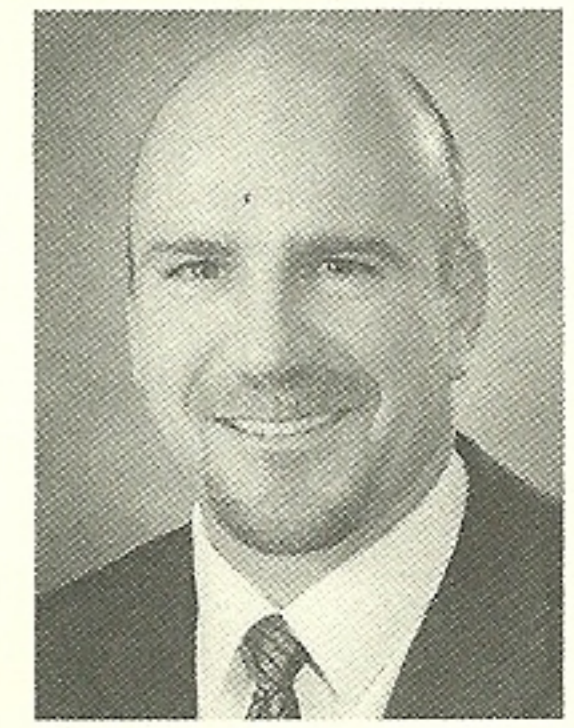
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Attn: Charles Helm, Chairperson

Thank you for your letter and overview of the proposal for the work the steering committee has implemented on the proposed Geopark. The historical discoveries demonstrating the enormous fossil heritage in the area are an extremely valuable addition to the paleontological community in our province. Both the historic and economic value that Tumbler Ridge and the surrounding area bring to British Columbia cannot be understated. The resource development in the Tumbler Ridge area has had a very positive effect on the economy of the area and we continue to work to ensure the mining and resource industries operate in a positive environment. I am committed to supporting the Geopark proposal as an opportunity for economic diversification while at the same time maintaining the industrial activity in the region.

Thank you again for your work on this important initiative.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Blair Lekstrom', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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