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Ms. Lisa Helps
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Dear Ms. Helps:

On behalf of the Prime Minister, I would like to thank you for letter regarding *The Ban on Shark Fin Importation Act*, which passed on June 20, 2019.

The new actions announced are a clear example of our commitment to protecting our wildlife, recovering lost biodiversity, and protecting our marine species. Our government supported senate amendments to Bill C-68 to include provisions to ban the captivity of whales and dolphins and prohibit shark finning in Canada. This also includes a ban on the import and export of whales and dolphins and sharkfins. As the first G20 nation to ban shark finning, we are proud to be leaders on the international stage for ocean conservation.

Thank you once again for writing,

Sincerely,

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Special Assistant- Prime Minister's Correspondence