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Dear Mr. Platts

My name is Roberto Cobo I am the North Shore Bear Aware Program Delivery Specialist. The Bear Aware Program is an educational program from the British Columbia Conservation Foundation. It aims to educate the public about how to minimize human-bear conflict. We achieve this by giving presentations in elementary schools, public displays in community events, public readings in libraries, etc. We work with our local Government and the Bear Response Officers in order to maintain and promote safety in our community. Some of our sponsors are the Ministry of Environment, The District of North Vancouver, the British Columbia Conservation Corps, private and corporate organizations, etc.

I am writing to you to see if it is possible to arrange a public presentation at one of the meetings of FONVCA. The purpose of the presentation is to get the community involved in the ongoing presses of reducing human-bear conflict. As you know, North Vancouver has numerous bear sightings during this time. Virtually all of the bear sighting reports indicate that the bear was attracted to the neighbourhood by garbage, fruit trees, BBQs, etc.

In the past year, over 1000 black bears were destroyed due to conflict with humans. This can be entirely preventable if we manage our attractants properly. By keeping the bears out of our communities we not only make our communities safer but also help to keep our bears safe and healthy. I believe education is the key to keep our communities safe while keeping a sustainable and healthy environment. The Bear Aware Program delivers the educational and promotional part, but it needs co-operation with local institutions and organizations in order to reach more people. I hope that with your help we can enjoy a safer community and a more sustainable environment.

Sincerely,

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