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The Rt. Hon Stephen Harper
80 Wellington Street
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Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I am writing to urge that the spirit of the *Species at Risk Act* be honoured in all federal infrastructure projects. By exempting them from environmental review, some serious damage may be done to critical habitat across Canada. A case in point is the Ottawa road-building project of the Terry Fox extension in the South March Highlands. There are numerous reasons of urban design and proper planning that suggest this is a poorly conceived project, but it also runs through the habitat of 17 listed species at risk, including the threatened Blanding's Turtle.

I would urge that all projects be open to re-routing to avoid such critical habitat, even after the "shovel ready" hurried approach has been launched.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth May".

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