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The Right Honourable Stephen Harper
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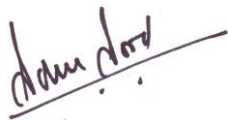
Dear Mr Harper,

I hope this letter finds you well. I was in Toronto to attend the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Awards and felt honoured to be part of this event in such a beautiful country. Canada has a lot to offer, with its natural beauty, exciting cities and rich culture. However, there's one thing that's harming Canada's international reputation: its annual commercial seal slaughter. On behalf of my friends at PETA, I ask that you please show respect for all animals and end the slaughter once and for all.

After watching just a few moments of [this video](#), I hope you will agree that there's something terribly wrong with allowing the seal slaughter to continue. I was especially disheartened to learn that the slaughter, which takes place in Newfoundland, accounts for less than 1 percent of that area's economy. I also read that only 10 per cent of the quota was met this year because of a lack of demand. Kind people everywhere – including world leaders His Holiness The Dalai Lama, Barack Obama and Vladimir Putin – have spoken out against the clubbing of baby seals, and Canadian seal products have been banned by the US and, more recently, by the European Union.

I hope to hear that you will promote compassion by putting an end to the annual seal slaughter. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sonu Sood", written over a horizontal line.

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