

PETITION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Whereas:

- The Department of National Defence intends to build a Land Based Testing Facility at Hartlen Point, Nova Scotia;
- 300+ bird species have been observed at Hartlen Point;
- Environment and Climate Change Canada claims to be “an international leader in bird science, monitoring and conservation...”;
- The Canada-NS Nature Agreement promised \$28.5Million to protect biodiversity, habitat and species at risk in Nova Scotia;
- Hartlen Point is Nova Scotia’s top bird observation site, in Canada’s top ten and the only site in Canada’s top 49 not protected;
- Construction of the facility will destroy important protection, feeding and resting grounds for thousands of migratory birds;
- Site selection:
 - o took place before public consultation was initiated;
 - o utilized outdated and incomplete studies;
 - o ignored independent expert bird studies; and,
 - o did not consider the impact on lobster fisheries;
- Access to information requests have been ignored;

We the undersigned **citizens of Canada**, call upon **The Government of Canada** to pause all construction and further development of the Land Based Testing Facility at Hartlen Point until the following are completed:

- An independent impact assessment, including:
 - o consideration of the impacts on wildlife, migratory bird populations and traffic; and,
 - o full and transparent community consultation and outreach;
- Proper consideration of alternative sites including re-purposing of existing DND facilities;
- Public access to all documents affecting the decision to develop Hartlen Point;
- Permanent protections for the bird species at Hartlen Point.

Signature (Sign your own name. Do not print.)	Address (Full home address, OR city and province, OR province and postal code)

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3. Must have at least 3 valid signatures and addresses on the first page after the full text of the petition;
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7. Should contain signatures of residents of Canada only;
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Aside from this exception, you can only sign for yourself;
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11. Petitions can be either double-sided, or have a blank back page.

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