Petition to Protect the Agricultural Land Reserve

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Legislature Assembled:

The petition of the undersigned, residents of the Province of British Columbia, states that:

Whereas: a business consortium led by industrial development companies has secretly Optioned to Purchase 558 acres of farmland in the Agricultural Land Reserve for $98 million dollars; and

Whereas: the farmland in question is the finest soil in Canada and represents a critical mass for the agricultural industry in Delta; and

Whereas: the future of sustainable, local, soil-based food production in British Columbia is threatened by the development plans of this industrial consortium; and

Whereas: these optioned lands are critical to the ecosystem that supports the Pacific Migratory Bird Flyway; and

Whereas: the Agricultural Land Reserve was never intended to be a land bank for development;

Your petitioners request that the Honourable House demand that the Government of British Columbia publicly condemn the proposed purchase and industrialization of farmland and declare its commitment to protect lands in the Agricultural Land Reserve.

Dated _____ day of _____, 2012.

Name (printed)	Signature	Home Address (printed)	Email Address (optional)