

To: Blaine Higgs
Premier, New Brunswick, premier@gnb.ca
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Subject: Reinstate Rod Cumberland in College of Forestry

Premier Blaine Higgs

I am a Canadian citizen and a resident of Delta, British Columbia. I am outraged at the dismissal of wildlife scientist Rod Cumberland from the College of Forestry in New Brunswick because of his study on negative effects of glyphosate on Canadian forests and his resultant opposition to the use of the herbicide.

His dismissal is a mockery of academic integrity, neutrality of scientific investigation and freedom of speech, and represents silencing of dissent in matters of life and death importance to people and environment of Canada.

I would urge to you take this up immediately and have Mr. Cumberland reinstated as soon as possible, to prove that New Brunswick is still a part of Canada and not under a warlord in some forth world country.

Regarding me addressing you as Premier Higgs and nor honourable minister, this is not personal. On principle I oppose calling elected government servants as honourable, because it implies those that are not elected but did the job of electing you, might be dishonourable. I consider it an insult to the people of Canada to address election officials as honourable, and believe addressing by your rank or your title such as Premier Higgs or Mr. Higgs should be enough. I am no less honourable than you are. At least I am trying my best to uphold academic integrity and doing my bit to safeguard Canadian environment. I shall wait to see if you are at all able to match me on that with your own efforts.

Please note, this letter will be shared with other politicians and notables as well as on social media, to encourage broad action against this despicable act of firing Rod Cumberland on rubbish pretexts.

Lastly If you fail to get Mr. Cumberland reinstated, I shall then consider it to be my duty as a citizen of Canada to encourage the people of New Brunswick to get you ousted from your chair, for being a disgrace to democracy.

Awaiting further development on this,



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