

Dear [LOCAL MLA NAME],

My name is [YOUR NAME]. I am a resident of your riding and a Whitecaps supporter. It would be devastating to see this team, which has over 50 years of history and is a cultural institution in BC, leave despite clear success and support from the community.

It is heartening to see politicians step up and show they are willing to find a solution; however, one avenue that I haven't seen explored is legislation. A few years ago, the Columbus Crew, another MLS team, was threatened with relocation. They were largely saved because of the 'Modell Law', a law which prevented the relocation of publicly subsidized teams without first allowing local ownership groups the opportunity to purchase the franchise. As an investment in our economy, culture and community, the government has provided the Whitecaps public subsidies over the years. Now our tax-supported investment may be at risk of leaving B.C.

I ask that you:

- **Support legislation similar to the 'Modell Law' to help save the Whitecaps, and**
- **Be willing to expedite the passage of such legislation.**

The MLS Board of Governors is meeting in late July and could ratify a relocation at that time, at which point B.C. will lose the team permanently. A bid for our Whitecaps has already been tabled by a Las Vegas area group seeking to move them to Las Vegas. I understand that accelerating the passage of this legislation in the current session requires extraordinary effort, but we are facing an extraordinary threat to a vital community and economic asset.

Losing the club would mean the loss of hundreds of local jobs, millions in downtown economic activity, the loss of a network of province-wide youth academies, the loss of 50 years of B.C. sports culture, and a major anchor tenant for a provincially backed stadium.

I urge you to take bold action today to protect this club, jobs, businesses, B.C. taxpayers, and the generations of fans to come.

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]