**Template for Email**

* To: **Mark.Gerretsen@parl.gc.ca**
* From: youremailaddress
* Re: Support for RKY Camp and all Summer Camps

Dear Mr Gerretsen,

I am a (camper, camper parent, leadership participant, alumni, staff member- list all that apply) at RKY Camp located near Parham, ON, with its year round office located in the Kingston YMCA (one of the camp`s founders).

I am very concerned that without significant financial support for the Overnight Camping Industry that RKY Camp and other Summer Camps will have difficulties providing camper experiences to others in the future.

For Camps to operate, they spend money ahead of time to provide the experiences in July & August. RKY Camp had already paid for insurance, property taxes, administrative fees and other core expenses when the Covid crisis hit. This is has been offset by a 100% loss in revenue from summer overnight camps in 2020. In a recent industry survey, 30% of overnight camps stated that without financial assistance, they would have to close their doors.

Part of what’s special about RKY Camp is there are all kinds of people there from different backgrounds. RKY has always strived to be financially accessible to all families, through comparably low fees and subsidy funds.

Camp is special to me because (use about 3 sentences max (remember we want 1 page in length) to describe...Camp allowed me to be myself, I met people from different backgrounds, I do things that I can’t often do, I met a network of support people who have helped me, I learned about bullying, I became a better parent, I do my job better, I learned what my passion was, or ??)

**Call to Action!** Please use your influence to help summer overnight camps receive the support they deserve!