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To: Russian Ministry of Natural Resources and Ecology; Minister, Mr Kobylkin D.N.

From: Hydrobiological Institute Ohrid

Dear Mr. Kobylkin,

As individuals and parents who educate our children and students to build a better future through protection and investment in the natural heritage, but also in accordance with our professional ethics,

We express our full support to Professor Oleg Timoshkin in his unselfish efforts to protect one of the oldest lakes in the world- Baikal Lake.

Lakes, especially the ancient ones, are not just resources, they are highly evolutionarily structured ecosystems of extremely high diversity and endemism and planetary significance ... they are simply our lives.

We raise our voice to save the Baikal Lake!

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