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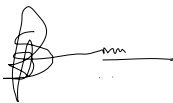
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Dear Mr. Stevens,

It gives me great pleasure to hear that the Great Himalayan National Park is under consideration to be included in the list of World Heritage Sites. My first exposure to this magnificent National Park was in May of this year as part of a trekking group managed by Sunshine Eco-Tours. As a first time trekker, the untouched natural beauty of the park, ranging from snowcapped mountains and roaring rivers to tiny wildflowers growing by the side of the trails, was breathtaking.

What was equally impressive to me, however, was the commitment made by the local people to ensure that the park remains in this pristine state. They take great pride in GHNP and have been able to preserve nature while also being able to maintain their own livelihoods. Their warmth, friendliness and respect for their surroundings was made evident to me during my trek and will always remain in my memory as one of the highlights of my trekking experience. I am planning to return to the park next year and hopefully will continue to do so for many years to come. I wish the Friends of GHNP all the very best in their continued efforts to preserve and protect this gem of the Himalayas.

Sincerely,



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