

**PETITION CALLING ON GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TO RESTORE FUNDING FOR THE CENTRE OF THE UNIVERSE INTERPRETIVE CENTRE**

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, residents of Canada, draw the attention of the Government of Canada to the following:

- WHEREAS the Centre of the Universe and Herzberg Institute outreach programs provide access to educational opportunities for the public to understand our universe, our place in it and the importance of science; and
- WHEREAS the Centre of the Universe educates and inspires thousands to become more involved in sciences to the benefit of our society and the growth of scientific knowledge.

THEREFORE, we call upon the Government of Canada through the National Research Council to restore the funding for the operations of the Centre of the Universe interpretive centre and for public outreach on astronomy and astrophysics at the attached Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics at the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory site in Saanich, B.C. so that they can continue to educate and inspire thousands of people who wish to know more about our planet and space, and we urge the Government of Canada to respect science and support public education in space science and astrophysical research

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