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 Letter from Minister of Finance

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Please find attached a letter from the Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Finance.



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The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, PC, MP Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Government of Canada Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Minister Freeland:

I am writing in the spirit of our continued collaboration and commitment to working together. The Province of British Columbia is committed to supporting the Government of Canada to the fullest extent possible to enforce sanctions against Russia.

With that in mind, I would like to ensure you are aware that the Province of BC has some tools and preliminary information derived from the Land Titles Registry and the Land Owner Transparency Registry that federal investigatory bodies may wish to consider further.

Please note that there is no clear indication that BC properties are owned by those named on the federal government's sanction list. However, my understanding is federal investigatory bodies have access to a broader array of information than is available at the provincial level and they may wish to use and build on the preliminary information identified by the BC Ministry of Finance.

Should federal investigatory bodies determine there are landowners on the sanctions list, we are ready to support all legal actions possible including the potential for freezing or seizing assets.

Sincerely,

Selina Robinson

Minister

cc: Honourable Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

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