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Dear Minister:

I am writing to follow up on my previous correspondence of November 26, 2014, regarding Canada's contribution to a new post-2020 global climate change agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

As we know, Canada only accounts for less than two percent of global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, so it is clear that global action on climate change is required. That is why Canada supports a new international agreement that includes meaningful and transparent commitments from all major emitters.

The federal government is, and remains committed to, doing its part to reduce GHG emissions within its jurisdiction. Our government is implementing a responsible sector-by-sector regulatory approach that is aligned with this country's major economic competitors, like the United States, to ensure Canada's economic competitiveness is protected. Furthermore, since 2006, we have invested over \$10 billion in clean energy and technologies. Through this approach, we have already taken action on two of Canada's largest sources of emissions—the transportation and the electricity generation sectors:

- We are the first country in the world to ban construction of traditional coal-fired electricity generation units (coal is the largest source of GHGs in the world). Canada now boasts the cleanest electricity system in the G-7 and one of the cleanest in the world, with nearly 80 percent of our electricity supply emitting no GHGs.
- We have announced our intention to regulate hydrofluorocarbons, as well as to move forward on the next phase of regulations for heavy-duty vehicles. Hydrofluorocarbons are the fastest growing source of GHGs in the world and can be thousands of times more potent than carbon dioxide.

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Canada is committed to the timelines set out in the Lima Call for Climate Action and will submit its contribution to a new international agreement to the United Nations well in advance of the December session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC. This contribution is expected to be national in scope and reflect action by all levels of government with quantifiable post-2020 emission reductions.

As per my November 2014 correspondence, we welcome, and look forward to the input of all the provinces and territories on their existing and planned actions to mitigate GHGs within their own jurisdiction. There continues to be ongoing engagement between our officials to collect these inputs. That said, we have not yet received information for the post-2020 period at a level of detail that would satisfy the expectation of the Lima Call for Climate Action. I hope you will be in a position to share such information soon.

Moreover, Canada is undergoing an international review process under the UNFCCC that will require us to report on progress in Canada toward 2020 emission reduction targets. Most provinces and territories, including yours, have published strategies that include a self-developed GHG emission reduction target for 2020. I am enclosing Environment Canada's estimate of your jurisdiction's progress toward your own target based on data from the 2014 Emissions Trend Report. In order to prepare for the UNFCCC review process, any additional information or clarification that you can provide on how your jurisdiction intends to meet your self-developed 2020 target will be helpful.

I look forward to, and thank you again for, your continued engagement on these matters.

Sincerely,



The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, P.C., M.P.
Minister of the Environment

Enclosure

British Columbia Progress Towards 2020 Target

2020 Target	2005 Baseline Equivalent	Base Year Emissions (Mt)	2005 Emissions (Mt)	Targeted Level of Emissions in 2020 (Mt)	Projected Level of Emissions in 2020 (Mt)	Gap to target in 2020 (Mt)	2020 Compared to target base year (%)	2020 Compared to 2005 (%)
33% below 2007 levels	33% below	62	62	41	69	28	11% above	11% above