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Mr. Milan Ilnyckyj
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Dear Mr. Ilnyckyj:

The Prime Minister's Office has forwarded to me a copy of your letter of April 29, 2010, regarding continued action to address climate change.

The Government of Canada is committed to growing Canada's clean energy advantage. In the recent Speech from the Throne, the Government reiterated its commitment to invest in clean energy technologies of the future, and to review energy efficiency and emissions reduction programs to ensure they are effective.

Since 2006, we have committed more than \$10 billion (B) to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and build a more sustainable environment through investments in green infrastructure, energy efficiency, clean energy technologies and the production of cleaner energy and cleaner fuels. This includes the investments that were introduced under Canada's Economic Action Plan and Budget 2010.

Natural Resources Canada administers \$7B of this funding, with measures designed to help Canadians use energy more efficiently, boost renewable energy supplies, and develop new and cleaner technologies:

- the ecoENERGY Renewable Initiative represents a commitment of nearly \$1.5B over four years to boost Canada's energy supplies from renewable sources, including wind, solar, tidal and biomass;
- the ecoENERGY Efficiency Initiative is investing \$960 million (M) over four years to achieve improvements in energy conservation and efficiency in all sectors of the Canadian economy;
- the Pulp and Paper Green Transformation Program is investing \$1B over three years to support innovation and environmentally friendly investments in areas such as energy efficiency and renewable energy production in the pulp and paper industry;

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- the ecoENERGY Technology Initiative and the Clean Energy Fund are together investing more than \$1B to support the research, development and demonstration of various clean energy technologies, including large-scale carbon capture and storage; and
- the \$1.5-B ecoENERGY for Biofuels Initiative provides operating incentives to producers of renewable alternatives to gasoline and diesel.

The federal government is also working in collaboration with the provinces and territories on measures to improve energy efficiency. These efforts include: publishing a more stringent model energy code for buildings in 2011, and committing to a cycle of further improvement; collaborating on next-generation home energy rating systems to support labelling, codes and incentives; and strengthening capacity of the commercial buildings sector to finance energy efficiency projects.

For further information on Budget 2010 and how the Government is leading the way on clean energy investment and energy efficiency, please visit the following Web site:
www.budget.gc.ca.

Thank you for writing on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Paradis', written in a cursive style.

The Honourable Christian Paradis, P.C., M.P. (Mégantic-L'Érable)

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