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Dear Mr. Ilnyckyj:

Thank you for your letter of May 25 concerning carbon pricing in Canada.

The Government of Canada supports an approach to climate change that achieves real environmental and economic benefits for all Canadians. We are making progress towards our ambitious target of reducing Canada's greenhouse gas emissions by 17 percent from 2005 levels by 2020, through a sector-by-sector approach that is aligned with the United States, where appropriate.

The Government made the decision to follow a sector-by-sector approach because it makes sense to align Canada's climate policies with those of its largest trading partner. For example, we are working towards common North American standards for greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles, and have published final regulations for light-duty vehicles for the 2011–2016 model years. Building on this successful collaboration, we will continue to work with the United States to do the same for heavy-duty vehicles.

Where it makes sense, Canada may move in advance of the United States, as we did with electricity generation. Our government has already announced its intent to completely phase out the use of dirty coal in electricity generation.

Federal and provincial initiatives have brought us one quarter of the way towards our 2020 target. To close the remaining gap, the Government of Canada will develop and implement further measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in other major sectors of the national economy, complemented by additional provincial and territorial actions taken within their respective jurisdictions.

I appreciate your ongoing interest in this subject, and extend my best wishes.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Peter Kent, P.C., M.P.

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