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Mr. David Coon, MLA
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96 St. John Street
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Dear Mr. Coon:

Enclosed is a copy of the response to your Petitions 8 and 11, which were tabled in the Legislature on May 10, 2019, and May 17, 2019, respectively.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald J. Forestell".

Donald J. Forestell
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

Enclosure

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May 28, 2019

Mr. Donald Forestell
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
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Mr. Forestell:

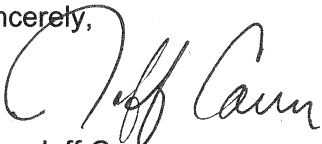
This letter is in response to Petitions 8 and 11, requesting that the government of New Brunswick do all within its power to reduce greenhouse gases. The petitions were tabled in the legislature by Mr. David Coon on May 10, 2019 and May 17, 2019, respectively.

On December 5, 2018, our government endorsed the Climate Change Action Plan "Transitioning to a Low-Carbon Economy: New Brunswick's Climate Change Action Plan". The Action Plan consists of 118 actions which together work towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions, promoting economic growth and increasing the province's resilience to climate change through adaptation. The plan calls for greater emphasis on renewable energy, a broad-based and coordinated approach to energy efficiency in homes and businesses, and a phase-out of coal-fired electricity. Of the 118 actions listed in the Climate Change Action Plan, nine have been completed, and many have been initiated and are ongoing. With respect to the specific initiatives referenced in Petitions 8 and 11, such as: *Divesting from the fossil fuel industry and investing in the renewable energy industry; Building an electric inter-city railway system; Promoting public education and awareness by making climate change part of the education curriculum and launching a public awareness campaign; and, Creating incentives and infrastructure to transition to electric vehicles*, these are represented through various actions in the Climate Change Action Plan. We will take these specific recommendations into consideration as the related actions are moved into implementation.

In 2016, the Government of Canada committed to lowering emissions by at least 30 percent below 2005 levels by 2030 in response to the 2015 Paris Accord. New Brunswick is on track to contribute its share to helping Canada meet its 2030 emission reduction goal having reduced our greenhouse gas emissions by 28% since 2005. This is mostly due to closures of coal and oil-fired plants; the incorporation of wind energy; restructuring in the forestry sector; and investments in energy efficiency. New Brunswick has already made significant progress and we intend to go even further by continuing to implement the comprehensive New Brunswick Climate Change Action Plan. The Climate Change Action Plan can be accessed here: www.gnb.ca/climatechange.

I can assure you that we will continue to do as much as we can to combat climate change and to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.

Sincerely,



Hon. Jeff Carr
Minister

