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December 6, 2019

Mr. David Coon, MLA
Green Party Members' Office
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96 St. John Street
Fredericton, New Brunswick

Dear Mr. Coon:

Enclosed is a copy of the response to your Petition 6, which was tabled in the Legislature on November 22, 2019.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'DJF', written over a faint, larger signature.

Donald J. Forestell
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

Enclosure

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c: Léopold Mallet
Amy Whittaker
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December 2, 2019

Mr. Donald J. Forestell
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly,
Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick
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Mr. Forestell:

Thank you for your letter and Petition #6 dated November 22, 2019 regarding climate change and the reduction of greenhouse gases (GHGs) in New Brunswick.

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.

With respect to the specific requests referenced in Petition 6 that include: *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; Creating incentives and infrastructure to transition to Electric Vehicles*, these are reflected in the Climate Change Action Plan through a number of actions such as 33, 40, 42-44, 7, 9 and 46-48 to name a few. While some of these actions are in the early phases of implementation, others have been initiated or are ongoing.

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. If you have any specific questions regarding the status of key actions within our Climate Change Action Plan, please contact Mr. Jeff Hoyt, Executive Director of the Climate Change Secretariat at jeff.hoyt@gnb.ca or (506)447-0832.

Sincerely,

Jeff Carr
Minister

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