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Honourable Catherine McKenna  
Minister of Environment and Climate Change  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6

April 6, 2016

Dear Minister McKenna,

I am writing to you in your capacity as Minister of the Environment and Climate Change about the need for investment in a carbon fund to creating incentives for the purchase of plug-in electric vehicles and accompanying infrastructure.

As you know, we desperately need to reduce our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in order to tackle the climate crisis. According to the British Columbia Sustainable Energy Association, transportation produces 28% of Canada's GHG emissions. Plug-in electric vehicles offer a way to lower the dependency and consumption of fossil fuels in transportation. However, only about 0.028% of Canadians have chosen to transition to a plug-in electric vehicle.

There is clear evidence that financial incentives increase the transition from GHG powered vehicles to environmentally friendly electric vehicles. The US and Norway have implemented significant incentive which have been followed by increases in electric vehicle purchases. The US's incentive totals \$7,500 while Norway's financial incentives lower the cost of electric vehicles to the same as a regular car, plus free parking, free ferries, free charging, and free use of HOV lanes. A carbon fund dedicated towards the promotion of plug-in electric vehicles would help encourage Canadians to make the transition to more energy efficient and environmentally responsible choices.

Investment in the accompanying infrastructure to support the charging of plug-in electric vehicles is also necessary. For example, Canada's Green Highway is an initiative Electric Mobility Canada has been championing. Canada's Green Highway would eventually allow Canadians to travel coast to coast to coast using alternative energy to power their vehicles.

I ask that you work with the federal government to take leadership on the advancement of plug-in electric vehicles in Canada by providing incentives and infrastructure as part of a long-term strategy to reduce GHG emissions and tackle climate change.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my recommendations. I look forward to your response.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alistair MacGregor" with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alistair MacGregor, MP