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Ms. Lindsay Brumwell
Chair
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Dear Ms. Brumwell:

Thank you for your letter of March 9th, 2016, regarding the recent signing in Winnipeg of the Memorandum of Understanding Concerning Climate Change and Energy Collaboration. I understand that there are many similarities between the mandate and work of your committee, those of Natural Resources Canada, and of related American and Mexican government departments in the area of promoting continental cooperation on climate change and clean energy.

This memorandum will see Canada, the United States, and Mexico expand existing efforts to collaborate and share information across a number of key areas such as low-carbon electricity; clean energy technologies; energy efficiency; carbon capture, use and storage; climate change adaptation; and reducing emissions from the oil and gas sector, including from methane. We will work together to increase alignment and ensure that the North American energy sector is developed responsibly, effectively, and efficiently.

The Government of Canada recognizes that while this is an important accomplishment, it is a step towards an ambitious North American clean energy and environmental agreement. To that end, I will be working in collaboration with my Cabinet colleagues, the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, and the Honourable Stéphane Dion, Minister of Global Affairs, to expand the scope of continental cooperation, and integrate work on environmental protection and international relations. At the same time, my American and Mexican counterparts will be engaging with their respective departments in order to ensure that energy, environmental, and economic considerations are brought together into a truly comprehensive agreement.

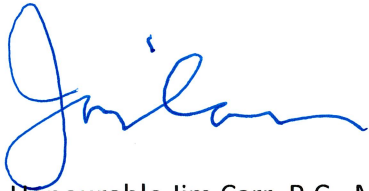
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Moving forward, the next step of enhanced continental collaboration that this agreement represents will no doubt present challenges. Canada, the United States, and Mexico could benefit by learning from the long history of research partnerships and public consultations that the Commission for Environmental Protection and the Joint Public Advisory Committee have engaged in over the past 22 years.

With regard to the invitation to attend an upcoming session of your committee, the offer is much appreciated. If there is a specific session in mind, please contact Drew Leyburne (drew.leyburne@canada.ca), Director General, Energy Policy Branch.

Again, thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Carr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

The Honourable Jim Carr, P.C., M.P.