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Via email

Honourable Bill Morneau
Minister of Finance
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Subject – Ministerial Mandate Letters and the Electrification of Transport in Canada

Dear Minister Morneau,

I am writing on behalf of our membership which includes companies across Canada involved in the manufacture, sale and servicing of battery electric vehicles (BEVs) and Plug-In-Hybrid Vehicles (PHEVs), as well as suppliers of electric vehicle charging equipment, electric utilities and research organizations. Our mission is to strategically accelerate the transition to electric mobility in all modes of transportation.

Achieving our mission can create the following benefits:

- more Canadian clean technology jobs;
- reduce GHG emissions and improve air quality;
- use more clean Canadian electricity;
- allow Canadians to reduce their transportation costs;
- use Canadian components involved in the manufacture of electric vehicles and batteries;
- support Canada's achievement of its international and domestic climate targets; and
- achieve domestic zero-emissions vehicle targets.

We are pleased that your Mandate Letter issued on December 13, 2019 included several items relating to the electrification of transportation as listed below. We take this opportunity to recommend actions we hope you will consider in addressing each mandate item.

1. Ensure that all proceeds that the federal government receives from the Trans Mountain Expansion project, including incremental corporate income tax revenue, dividends and capital gains on sale, are invested in nature-based climate solutions and clean energy projects

Recommendation: Direct these funds to support EV infrastructure (charging stations) and support clean technology companies.

2. Introduce a new 10 per cent tax on luxury boats, cars and personal aircraft over \$100,000.

Recommendation: Exempt electrically powered units from the proposed tax and redirect the tax revenues from non-electric luxury vehicles to Electric Mobility Canada to create EV awareness programs.

We thank you and your officials for your consideration and we remain available to discuss our recommendations further at your convenience.

Sincerely,



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