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Ms. Karen Hamilton
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Dear Ms. Hamilton:

The office of the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, has forwarded to me your letter of November 14, 2017, concerning support provided to oil and gas companies by Export Development Canada (EDC). I regret the delay in replying to you.

As a Crown corporation, EDC reports to Parliament through me in my role as Minister of International Trade. Its day-to-day operations however are at arm's length from the government. My role is to provide strategic direction to EDC regarding its broad orientation while respecting its operational autonomy.

As a member of the G20, Canada has committed to rationalize and phase out inefficient fossil fuel subsidies by 2025. Toward this end, a federal review of all non-tax measures is ongoing and involves all relevant departments within the federal government. The review is expected to conclude by the spring of 2018. I can assure you that EDC has been included as a part of this review. The findings of this review will inform the government's approach to this G20 commitment.

Furthermore, the 2017 Federal Budget identified \$1.4 billion in financing support for Canada's clean technology sector, part of which will be made available to EDC to provide project finance to promising clean technology firms. This will serve to support the transition to a low carbon economy.

The government is committed to taking ambitious action on climate change and will continue to take positive steps in that regard.

Thank you for informing me of your views on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'F. Champagne'.

The Honourable Francois-Philippe Champagne, P.C., M.P.

c.c. The Honourable Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P.

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