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**To:**

The Honourable Steven Guilbeault,  
Minister of Environment and Climate Change  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, K1A 0A6  
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**Subject:** Supporting Canada's Nuclear Host Communities: A Unified Vision for Our Energy Future

Dear Minister Guilbeault,

Canada stands at the forefront of the global energy transition, with nuclear power as a cornerstone of a reliable, clean, and affordable energy future. As representatives of nuclear host communities nationwide, we recognize our municipalities' essential role in supporting this vision. Strong, prepared communities are fundamental to ensuring Canada's nuclear industry's sustainable growth and success.

The Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities (CANHC) is dedicated to advocating for the needs and priorities of the municipalities that host nuclear facilities. These communities provide the workforce, infrastructure, and public trust necessary for the industry's advancement. As Canada expands its nuclear initiatives, including investments in small modular reactors (SMRs) and infrastructure refurbishment, we must ensure host communities are fully supported with the resources, knowledge, and capacity required to thrive.

To achieve this, CANHC seeks **multi-year funding of \$2.25 million over five years**. This investment will enable us to:

1. **Build Resilient Communities Nationwide:** Providing municipalities with the tools, training, and resources to support nuclear projects and align with Canada's energy and climate goals. This includes developing an interactive, resource-rich web portal to enhance knowledge sharing and public engagement, incorporating Indigenous perspectives.
2. **Foster Public Confidence Across Canada:** Developing transparent, accessible educational campaigns to enhance public awareness and trust in nuclear energy's role in delivering clean power and economic benefits.

3. **Enhance Indigenous Engagement:** Ensuring meaningful discussion and dialogue between First Nations and Municipal Host Communities through capacity building, and partnerships, learning about and respecting their unique perspectives and contributions.
4. **Strengthen National Collaboration:** Creating partnerships between government, industry, municipalities, and academia to advance Canada's nuclear priorities in a unified and strategic manner.
5. **Drive Innovation and Global Leadership:** Position Canada as a global leader in nuclear technology through collaboration with international organizations and promoting innovative solutions such as SMRs.
6. **Ensure Long-Term Sustainability:** Securing stable operational support for CANHC to empower host communities and meet the demands of Canada's expanding nuclear sector.

**Budget Highlights:**

- **Year 1:** \$538,000 to develop essential resources, including a comprehensive interactive web portal, educational assets, and staffing.
- **Years 2–5:** \$448,000 annually for ongoing operations, community engagement, and program delivery.

Canada's nuclear host communities are at the heart of this transformative industry. They provide the foundation for growth, safety, and sustainability, enabling the nation to meet its energy and climate goals while fostering local economic development. Continued investment in these communities ensures they remain prepared, resilient, and aligned with Canada's nuclear future.

We urge your organizations and the federal government to prioritize the needs of nuclear host communities and collaborate with CANHC to advance this critical agenda. Together, we can build a stronger, more sustainable future for all Canadians through clean and reliable nuclear energy.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss these priorities further and explore ways to enhance collaboration in advancing Canada's leadership in nuclear energy.

Sincerely,



Mayor Adrian Foster  
Chair, CANHC

We the undersigned are member of the Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities



We the undersigned are member of the Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities (CANHC) endorse this letter and its objectives.

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