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Dear Colleen Sklar and Members of the Expert Advisory Council:

Re: Climate and Green Plan Implementation – Next Priorities for the Expert Advisory Council

Thank you for your recommendations and advice regarding the establishment of the greenhouse gas emissions reduction goal for 2018 to 2022. The Council report, Report of the Expert Advisory Council to the Minister of Sustainable Development, A Carbon Savings Account for Manitoba (June 2019), demonstrates the significant work you have undertaken with local, national and international experts and stakeholders to systematically assess emission reduction opportunities across all sectors of the economy, considering our unique circumstances.

I am pleased, in return, to provide you with Manitoba's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions Goal for 2018 to 2022, our new policy which clearly reflects the Council's recommendations. As you are aware, Manitoba is the first jurisdiction in North America to establish a carbon savings account. Establishing an ambitious and evidence-based emissions reduction goal reflective of Manitoba's unique context is a significant milestone in implementation of the Climate and Green Plan and addressing climate change.

As the emissions reduction goal crosses all sectors of the economy, my colleagues and I will work together to deliver a whole-of-government approach in our development of policies, programs and measures to achieve the goal. We will consider the advice and information related to potential initiatives provided by the Expert Advisory Council in our works.

To achieve the 2018 to 2022 emissions reduction goal and to drive growth of a clean economy, requires action by governments, businesses, investors, communities and citizens. To support achievement these objectives, I ask the Expert Advisory Council by fall 2019 to:

- meet and work with Manitoba's strategic and regional economic development partners – Communities Economic Development Fund, Manitoba Chambers of Commerce, Association of Manitoba Municipalities, Winnipeg Metropolitan Region, Economic Development Winnipeg, North Forge Technology Exchange, World Trade Centre and Travel Manitoba – to share the Council's insights regarding Manitoba's emissions reduction potential and to understand business and investor opportunities and roles in this regard;
- support Efficiency Manitoba in its efforts to design and deliver energy savings programs as soon as possible; and
- meet and work collectively with the provincial government reporting entities and municipal, universities, schools and health institutions to identify and recommend key opportunities to demonstrate shared leadership in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, considering potential associated cost savings with reduced energy use.

These works will help build momentum and action to achieve the new target.

Implementation of the Climate and Green Plan is a key priority of the Government of Manitoba. Again, I would like to express my thanks for your recommendations that have informed Manitoba's greenhouse gas emissions reduction goal for 2018 to 2022. Your work has contributed to advancing us on our pathway to becoming the cleanest, greenest and most climate resilient province.

Highest regards,

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