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His Worship Mayor Lyn Hall  
City of Prince George  
1100 Patricia Boulevard  
Prince George, BC V2L 3V9

Dear Mayor Hall:

Thank you for your letter dated June 18, 2020, regarding the City of Prince George's (Prince George) support for a new CORE Cleantech Cluster, initiated by Foresight Cleantech Accelerator Centre and requesting prioritization of its establishment.

I want to acknowledge the work your city is doing to lead the province into a new era of sustainability. In particular, I appreciate your commitment to supporting innovation towards a cleaner economy in British Columbia, including through your ongoing cluster activities on cleantech and geospatial technologies in Prince George.

The Province provided co-funding for the Foresight Cleantech Cluster Initiative, which culminated in the report, "Accelerating British Columbia's Clean Economy: A Cleantech Cluster Strategy for the province of British Columbia" ([https://corecleantech.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/CCC-Report\\_Final\\_20July20.pdf](https://corecleantech.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/CCC-Report_Final_20July20.pdf)), released on July 6, 2020. The report and its findings for a cleantech clustering opportunity in BC come at a time when enhanced cooperation and innovation will be important for economic resiliency and COVID-19 recovery, and for meeting CleanBC Plan greenhouse gas emission reduction targets, throughout BC.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank Prince George for playing an important role in the advisory group set up to help guide the Cleantech Cluster Initiative, and for hosting a roundtable discussion in September 2019.

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The Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Competitiveness (Ministry) is currently working across Government and with industry, examining the report findings and recommendations and looking at how a potential cleantech cluster strategy can support provincial socio-economic priorities. The Ministry is also identifying areas where changes could be made to existing government programming to better meet cleantech industry needs to improve value. The Province recognizes the opportunity to enhance collaboration through a cluster approach and understands that all cleantech stakeholders need to contribute towards the success of the proposed strategy.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michelle Mungall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michelle Mungall  
Minister

pc: Honourable John Horgan  
Premier

Honourable Bruce Ralston  
Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

Honourable George Heyman  
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy