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Dear Colleague:

The people of Manitoba have given us the honour of a second mandate to move Manitoba forward. Our commitments are clear and ambitious.

All Ministers will work as a team to achieve the Five Point Guarantee as set out in our 2019 platform. We will work hard to create 40,000 new jobs, reduce taxes and invest in a health care system that delivers better care sooner. We will complete the construction of 20 new schools to provide better environments for our children to learn. We will deliver our Made in Manitoba Climate and Green Plan to achieve our vision of the cleanest, greenest and most climate resilient province.

We will build a better, more efficient, responsive and open government that provides quality services to communities throughout Manitoba.

Manitobans deserve a government that reflects their values: honesty, integrity and a commitment to hard work. I expect all ministers to work as a team to achieve our platform commitments and to hold themselves to the highest ethical standards. Manitoba became the most improved province in Canada in our first term. That record of achievement and success will provide a strong foundation for an equally ambitious second mandate. We are a government that

keeps its word. We have a record of public trust that cannot be compromised by conflicts of interest, complacency or entitlement.

As Minister of Conservation and Climate, you will lead the implementation of our Made in Manitoba Climate and Green Plan, including actions across its four pillars of climate, jobs, water and nature:

- Issuing a mandate letter for Efficiency Manitoba, emphasizing the need for continuous progress on reducing administrative costs, integrating them into our budgeting process and finding ways to collaborate on procurement, accommodations, and other matters of mutual interest;
- Challenging the imposition of the higher, rising federal carbon tax in Manitoba;
- Implementing measures to achieve the Carbon Savings Account for 2018 to 2022, and set the next emissions reduction goal for 2023 to 2027 to ensure Manitoba continues to bend the greenhouse gas emissions curve downward in a meaningful and measureable way;
- Measuring and reporting progress towards achieving the goals of our Made in Manitoba Climate and Green Plan, including public reporting of the impact of policies, programs and measures established, and leadership practices employed by our Government;
- Considering the advice and recommendations of the Expert Advisory Council and the Youth Advisory Council;
- Developing a renewed provincial energy strategy in concert with Manitoba Hydro's renewed strategic plan, that builds on Manitoba's clean renewable electricity assets;
- Launching Efficiency Manitoba's programs to save energy and reduce energy bills;
- Enhancing green transportation through:
 - Increasing biofuel mandates to the highest in Canada; and
 - Advancing the planning of low and no carbon transportation and infrastructure based on the advice of the Expert Advisory Council;
- Working with your colleague, the Minister of Crown Services, in responding to the recommendations of the Clean Environment Commission's Regional Cumulative Effects Assessment by developing clearer large area planning, environmental licensing and monitoring pathways to protect the environment while supporting sustainable economic development, reconciliation with indigenous communities, investment decisions and long-lasting jobs in Manitoba;
- Modernizing our environmental legislation, including the introduction of large area planning, integration of meaningful consultation, elimination of duplication in the review of forestry operations and clarification of the regulatory framework for cosmetic pesticides;
- Working with your colleague, the Minister of Agriculture and Resource Development, to focus our enforcement efforts on the most serious environmental, fish and wildlife infractions, and introducing innovative enforcement practices;
- With your colleagues, the Minister of Municipal Relations and Economic Development and Training, working with the private sector and municipalities to support the growth of

a local circular economy, driving innovation and green products while reducing waste sent to landfills. This should include reforming recycling and waste management, particularly plastics, organics, electronics and white goods, by setting ambitious municipal recycling and reuse targets and producer responsibility requirements;

- Eliminating the use of plastic bags in Manitoba;
- Implementing new funding opportunities for non-profit organizations interested in supporting implementation of the Made in Manitoba Climate and Green Plan, aligned with the new strategy being developed to build capacity and promote sustainability in the non-profit sector led by the Minister of Municipal Relations and focusing on being more results-oriented, streamlined and application-based to maximize our collective effects to address climate change;
- Renewing the provincial parks strategy to enhance visitor experience, modernize funding mechanisms for park services, and identify opportunities to attract private and philanthropic investment to upgrade facilities;
- Working with your colleagues, the Minister of Infrastructure, Economic Development and Training, Municipal Relations, and Agriculture and Resource Development, leading the development and maintenance of a provincial trail network for hiking, biking, snowmobiles and off-road vehicles, including funding mechanisms, tourism amenities and the reduction of regulatory barriers that restrict trail development;
- With your colleague the Minister of Municipal Relations and in concert with federal regulatory reforms, updating our provincial building codes to ensure they enhance resiliency and reduce carbon emissions;
- Accelerating our efforts to clean up abandoned mines, while holding responsible parties accountable;
- Leading the implementation of on-line licensing and permitting for landowners, hunters, anglers, outfitters, trappers, snowmobilers, and off-road vehicle enthusiasts;
- Reviewing our fire program to ensure value for money and given the effects of climate change;
- Continuing our work to enhance water quality within Manitoba's Great Lakes, including Lake Winnipeg; and
- Assisting your colleague, the Minister of Agriculture and Resource Development, in the development of a provincial Water Strategy.

You will work collaboratively with the public service, stakeholders and citizens to keep our promises. We are committed to ensuring all employees are treated with dignity and respect. There is no place for harassment of any kind in the civil service or any workplace, you must remain vigilant in ensuring there is no wrong door and not sit silent if you see others around you falling short of these standards.

We have established Ideas Funds across summary government to encourage front line service providers to come forward with innovative proposals to modernize and improve the way we deliver services Manitobans need. You will encourage your front line service providers to avail themselves of this opportunity.

Both with your department and the entities that receive our financial support, you will emphasize the need for continuous progress on spending within our budgets, reducing administrative costs and finding ways to ensure value for taxpayers' money.

As a member of Executive Council, you will continue to support our work to transform the public service, including the deployment of balanced scorecards to report on our progress and ensure Manitobans understand what we are doing and why we are doing it. As elected representatives of the people, we must always ensure that we remain transparent and accountable for our actions. Manitobans expect nothing less.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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