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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

I am writing as a follow-up to the several letters written to you and your government, accompanied by discussions held with federal officials on the subject of the increases to the federal carbon tax and implementation of the Clean Fuel Regulations (CFR).

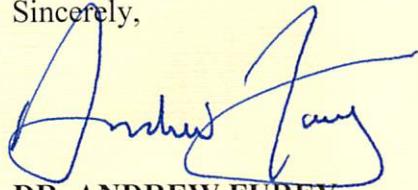
I remain concerned about the detrimental and disproportionate impact the CFR is having, and will increasingly have, on the people of our province. These regulations, together with the carbon tax, are increasing the cost of gasoline, diesel and other everyday goods.

We are in a time of multi-decade high inflation. Newfoundlanders and Labradorians are struggling due to the high cost of food, transportation, and fuel; the CFR and increases to the carbon tax are exacerbating these household pressures. As you know, the CFR will disproportionately negatively impact our province; Environment and Climate Change Canada's own regulatory impact study confirmed this. These policies require modification in order to address the unique situation of Newfoundland and Labrador, including our northern, rural, and remote communities and the challenges associated with much of our population living on an island.

Please be assured that we share your goal of addressing climate change and achieving a net-zero economy. Newfoundland and Labrador is an energy super power with tremendous opportunity for low-cost, low-carbon and competitive green energy developments. Indeed, we are working diligently and swiftly within our own jurisdiction and with your government on the development and deployment of innovative clean technologies and renewable energy. However, we need to consider carefully how the inflation surge and climate policies are impacting the welfare of our citizens – an orderly energy transition depends on it.

While inflation remains high and unpredictable, we ask that you please pause the CFR to allow a plan to be put in place to address the disproportionate impacts for the people of Newfoundland and Labrador. As the carbon tax rebate does not fully account for the price point pressure on goods and services in this province, we ask that you reverse the recent increase to the carbon tax and pause any further planned increases.

Sincefely,



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Premier