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December 10, 2019

Dear Mr. Michael McLeod,

We are excited to welcome you back to serve in our Parliament. You are now responsible for ensuring Canada addresses the climate crisis at the speed and scale that science and justice demand.

You ran for a political party that promised to address the climate emergency. Your party pledged that in this Parliament, you would be bolder. We expect you to follow through.

Our generation has inherited a planet in crisis. Nowhere in Canada is this felt more urgently than in the North. We have 11 years to address climate change on a systemic level. That means this government needs to act with urgency. At the same time, inequality is rising in this country as the rich privately hoard wealth that could be used to fund solutions.

We need you to rise above partisan politics and form a government that will implement a Green New Deal for the people.

We are here to hold you accountable for your election promises – tackling the climate crisis, creating millions of good, low-carbon jobs, respecting Indigenous rights, and making life better for everyone. A Green New Deal is the only plan bold enough to accomplish these goals. We expect Members of Parliament to rise up, meet this challenge, and fight – individually and collectively – to make it happen.

Your mandate is from the people, and we are calling on you to publicly commit to delivering a Green New Deal that:

- **Respects Indigenous rights and sovereignty.** Reconciliation needs to be more than a buzzword. Climate solutions must be grounded in Indigenous knowledge. With regard to climate policy, this starts with fully implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and routinely listening to Indigenous communities in order to create the justice-based climate solutions they have long called for.
- **Listens to the science.** The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change says we must limit warming to 1.5°C if we are to avoid the most catastrophic impacts of climate breakdown. In 2018, they gave us just 12 years to radically remake our global energy system. This is the baseline for real climate action. We can no longer afford to wait on taking bold action if we are going to slash carbon pollution 45% by 2030 and bring it to zero by 2050. We must immediately lead the transition away from fossil fuels.
- **Creates millions of good jobs.** Tackling climate change will require an economic mobilization not seen since WWII. To transition to 100% renewable energy, we need to create millions of decent, well-paying union jobs for workers across Canada. This transition must be just. We need to provide support for every worker and community. Polling on a Green New Deal has shown widespread, deep support for these kinds of policies, especially when they are funded by taxing the rich and making big banks and corporations pay their fair share.
- **Enshrines dignity, justice, and equity for all.** We need climate solutions that work for the frontline, marginalized, and Indigenous communities that are bearing the brunt of fossil fuel and climate impacts. This means connecting climate action to inequality and injustice and proposing real solutions that leave no community, no family, and no one behind.

If you are on our side, you can count on us to support you every day. If not, know that you have an entire generation to contend with. Together, we can tackle the climate crisis.

Yours sincerely,

- *Young people in the NWT & allies*

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