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December 5, 2014

Hon. Gord Mackintosh, M.L.A.
President of the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment
Minister of Conservation and Water Stewardship, Government of Manitoba
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Dear Minister:

In September, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce concluded its 85th Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Charlottetown, PEI. A highlight of the Canadian Chamber's AGM is the Policy Session, where the resolutions submitted by local chambers of commerce and boards of trade from across Canada are debated and voted on by accredited delegates. Once approved, these resolutions become policy of the Canadian Chamber for the following three years.

In 2014, our delegates issued a clear and decisive national policy mandate that we intend to pursue vigorously with the federal government over the coming months. In your current capacity as President of the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment, I wanted to ensure that you were aware of two resolutions that touch on recent CCME priorities.

The first resolution, entitled *A Harmonized Approach to Extended Producer Responsibility in Canada*, calls for governments across Canada to continue to work towards a harmonized approach to extended producer responsibility programs. We ask provinces and territories to adopt a flexible, non-prescriptive approach to fee visibility as well as on the optimal design of EPR management programs to ensure efficient and competitive system.

The second resolution, *Canadian Air Quality Management System (AQMS)*, calls on the federal government to ensure that its role in managing Canadian air quality is focused on CAAQS, BLIERS, air-zone development and establishment, and on controls related to transportation. We ask that the government not create federal air emission controls under CEPA that would be duplicative of the provincial/territorial controls already in place. In addition, the federal government should increase its national ambient air monitoring network by integrating the existing provincial and municipal systems, and ensure prompt and public reporting of data.

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Copies of the complete texts of these resolutions are attached and we would be pleased to discuss them with you, your staff or the secretariat of the Council of Ministers of the Environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Perrin Beatty". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and a trailing flourish.

Perrin Beatty
President and Chief Executive Officer

Attachments