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Dear Penny Rankin:

The Prime Minister's Office has forwarded to me a copy of your correspondence of June 23, 2025, regarding environmentally friendly buildings. Thank you for taking the time to write on this important issue. We share your views on the importance of energy efficiency in buildings and believe it plays a central role in helping Canadians save money and mitigate climate change.

Since the launch of the Canada Green Buildings Strategy in 2024, the Government of Canada has continued to invest in green building initiatives, several of which I will outline below.

Most recently, the new Build Canada Homes initiative aims to address housing challenges by building affordable homes, supporting builders with financing, and promoting improved construction methods and the use of low-carbon materials. Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada is currently seeking input from stakeholders to ensure a comprehensive understanding of investment opportunities across the housing system. I encourage you to participate in this important initiative and share your recommendations and insights as we move forward to fulfill this commitment.

These efforts are complemented by the Government's ongoing work to strengthen energy efficiency standards for residential, commercial, and industrial buildings. Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) continues to support the adoption of ambitious model building codes, more stringent equipment standards, energy benchmarking tools, and incentives for retrofits.

For instance, NRCan's Codes Acceleration Fund provides financial support to provinces, territories, and municipalities, and indigenous governments to accelerate the adoption of high-performance building codes, improve compliance rates, and build market capacity for ambitious code implementation. NRCan's Deep Retrofit Accelerator Initiative funds retrofit accelerators and other projects that facilitate the development of retrofits in

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commercial, institutional, and mid- or high-rise multi-unit residential buildings in Canada.

Canada Greener Homes Initiative, also led by NRCan, assists homeowners in implementing energy-efficient upgrades that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and lower energy costs. This initiative includes the forthcoming Canada Greener Homes Affordability Program, which will offer no-cost retrofits to low- and middle-income households, as well as the Oil to Heat Pump Affordability Program, which provides incentives for replacing oil heating with heat pumps. The Canada Greener Homes Loan, offers homeowners an interest-free loan of up to \$40,000 over a ten-year term to finance major energy-efficient homes upgrades.

I hope this information proves helpful in advancing your organization's objectives and thank you again for your valued advocacy.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Hodgson'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'T' and 'H'.

The Honourable Tim Hodgson, P.C., M.P.