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Dear Penny Rankin:

Thank you for your follow-up correspondence of October 7, 2025, regarding your request for the inclusion of gas heating in the Oil to Heat Pump Affordability program as well making heat pumps mandatory for new homes.

Currently, the Oil to Heat Pump Affordability program is only targeting existing homeowners who heat with home heating oil, which is the most polluting and expensive form of fossil fuel energy. Homeowners who rely on other fuel sources to heat their home may be eligible for provincial/territorial renovation programs, and we invite them to inquire with those programs. Homeowners can explore financial [incentives by province, municipality and utility](#).

I am also pleased to share that the new Canada Greener Homes Affordability Program (CGHAP) may include support to transition from other fossil fuels to heat pumps in some jurisdictions. CGHAP is starting to be implemented this year through our partners in provinces and territories, with Manitoba being the first province to launch the program. When in place, CGHAP-funded programs will provide low- to median-income homeowners and tenants with no-cost home retrofits to help reduce monthly energy bills, while reducing energy use and cutting greenhouse gas emissions.

Detailed parameters, including a comprehensive listing of eligible retrofits, eligibility criteria and specific income thresholds, are determined by partners in provinces and territories, while respecting the overall framework of the program. This allows CGHAP to be tailored to regional contexts, priorities, and existing programs. While individual programs are still being negotiated, I can confirm that some jurisdictions are indeed considering including other fuel source transitions to heat pumps. Please visit the [CGHAP](#) website regularly for more information and the latest updates.

Regarding your request to make the installation of heat pumps a mandatory requirement for new homes, I can assure you that this issue has been the subject of serious analysis on our part. The National Building Code of Canada is developed by the Canadian Board for

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Harmonized Construction Codes to provide a consistent, objective-based framework for building life safety, energy efficiency, and accessibility. These codes set the minimum technical requirements for a building's design and construction and are then adopted or modified by provincial and territorial governments, which have the authority to enact their own laws and regulations. It is important to note that while the national model codes are developed centrally by the Canadian Board for Harmonized Construction Codes, provinces and territories regulate the design and construction of new buildings.

Thank you again for your valued advocacy.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T Hodgson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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