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The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson  
Minister of Environment and Climate Change  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON  
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Asserting Canada’s Commitment to Sustainable Finance

Dear Minister Wilkinson,

Canada’s transition to a “climate-smart” economy has become an imperative.

We are writing to re-iterate our support for the recommendations of Canada’s Expert Panel on Sustainable Finance, which were delivered in the report, *Mobilizing Finance for Sustainable Growth*.

As you commence your role as Minister of Environment and Climate Change, we strongly encourage you to prioritize the recommendations of the Expert Panel pertaining to Environment and Climate Change Canada.

Canada’s financial sector has been highly receptive to the Expert Panel’s recommendations. For example, in June of 2019, the Responsible Investment Association and Canadian institutional investors welcomed the Expert Panel’s recommendations and endorsed sustainable finance in Canada. That statement can be found here: [Canadian Investors Endorse Sustainable Finance](#).

Other financial sector bodies including the Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC) and Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada (CPA Canada) also welcomed the Expert Panel’s recommendations. You can find CPA Canada’s statement [here](#), and IBC’s statement [here](#).

Prioritizing the Expert Panel’s recommendations would send a strong signal to the private sector and other levels of government that the federal government remains committed to driving progress towards Canada’s transition to a climate-smart, resilient, and prosperous economy.

I would be happy to discuss this and any related matters at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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About the Responsible Investment Association (RIA)  
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