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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON
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Including a Commitment to Sustainable Finance in the Mandate Letters of the Ministers of Finance, Environment and Climate Change, and Natural Resources

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

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](#). We encourage the government to communicate its support for sustainable finance in the Mandate Letters of the Ministers of Finance, Environment and Climate Change, and Natural Resources.

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](#).

We strongly encourage the federal government to support the implementation of the Expert Panel's recommendations, and to embed these recommendations within the forthcoming Mandate Letters of the Ministers noted above. This action 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)

The RIA is a Canadian industry association of investors and investment professionals who practice and support responsible investing. Our institutional members manage more than C\$12 trillion in assets. A list of RIA members and more information about the RIA can be found online at www.riacanada.ca.

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