

November 10, 2017

Hon. Nancy Heppner
Minister of Energy and Resources
Government of Saskatchewan
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RE: Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce Energy Efficiency Strategy

Honourable Minister:

As Chair of the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce's Energy Efficiency Task Force, I would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Saskatchewan's Minister of Energy and Resources earlier in the summer. The Chamber looks forward to meeting with you and your officials to discuss a number of ongoing energy-related files in the coming months.

I am also pleased to provide you with materials related to the Chamber's newly-released *Energy Efficiency Strategy*. The materials attached include a copy of the full report, along with an executive summary that provides an overview of our recommendations. The executive summary was adapted from a newly-ratified SCC Environment Committee policy resolution on Energy Efficiency. We believe that our Energy Efficiency Strategy is key to progress on the climate change file.

Consistent with the Government of Saskatchewan's current position on the matter, The Chamber continues to maintain that a carbon pricing scheme (be it in the form of a tax or through a cap and trade program) is not the appropriate mechanism for reducing greenhouse gases in the province, largely due to the negative impacts on the province's Energy-Intense and Trade-Exposed (EITE) industries.

To provide you with some historical context as to how the Task Force came about, in November 2016 the Chamber surveyed its members on the issue of carbon pricing. Our members made one thing clear – while a large majority of those surveyed believe that reducing greenhouse gas emissions is important, they also stated that the Chamber should continue to oppose the implementation of a carbon pricing scheme and instead support technological investments and incentives to reduce emissions.

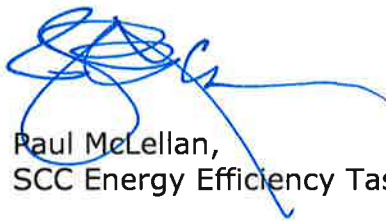
In response, the Chamber created the Energy Efficiency Task Force during the fall of 2016. The mandate of the Energy Efficiency Task Force was to create a series of recommendations to advance the implementation of energy efficiency measures to reduce emissions. Task Force Members have specialized knowledge of available

energy conservation and Demand Side Management (DSM) programs aimed at the commercial-industrial sector.

The primary objectives of the recommendations are to reduce GHG emissions and to increase industry competitiveness. The Task Force believes that reducing energy consumption per unit of production makes both business and environmental sense, and is the first step toward tackling climate change in this province.

We look forward to meeting with you and your officials at the Ministry to discuss how these recommendations can best be implemented.

Sincerely,



Paul McLellan,
SCC Energy Efficiency Task Force Chair

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