



The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
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Via email: justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

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Re: Letter of Support for advanced Small Modular Reactors in New Brunswick

Dear Prime Minister,

I am the President of Women in Nuclear (WiN) Canada, a national not-for-profit organization with more than 3,000 members. WiN Canada is also a country member of WiN Global, a worldwide association of more than 35,000 members. Since 2004, WiN Canada has worked to meet three challenging goals. The first is to engage and educate the public regarding the safe use of nuclear and radiation technologies. The second is to provide professional development opportunities for WiN Canada members. The third is to support the growing need for qualified workers in STEM and skilled trades in the nuclear industry.

On behalf of our over 3,000 members across the country, I would like to convey our support for advanced Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) in New Brunswick. Many women and men already work in the nuclear industry in New Brunswick, including those working directly at the Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station, and those providing products and services that support station operations. Additional nuclear power generation will provide more high-value, long-term jobs in the province.

An increase in nuclear generation will also help reduce the province's dependence on fossil fuels. New Brunswick still gets nearly a third of its electricity from coal and gas, which contribute to climate change – arguably the biggest crisis the world is facing today. Nuclear energy provides reliable electricity 24 hours a day with zero greenhouse gas emissions. SMRs will have a profound positive impact on the environmental legacy we leave our children, grandchildren and generations to come.

Canada has demonstrated leadership in SMR development, with the 2018 SMR Roadmap and soon-to-be launched SMR Action Plan. WiN Canada was pleased to be involved in both initiatives and envisions an SMR ecosystem that is strong and sustainable, with diverse groups participating at all levels, including women, young





people and Indigenous peoples. A successful SMR ecosystem is one where everyone, regardless of gender or background, has the opportunity to contribute, lead, and innovate.

Thank you for your time and attention. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have about nuclear and radiation applications. WiN Canada looks forward to continuing our collaboration with the federal government to secure our clean energy future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LMB", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lisa McBride
President
Women in Nuclear Canada

cc. The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance
cc. The Honourable Seamus O'Regan, Minister of Natural Resources Canada
cc. The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
cc. The Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry
cc. The Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Economic Development and Official Languages
cc. The Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs
cc. The Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities

