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Wesley Johnston c/o lyle@cansia.ca

Dear Mr. Johnston and Canadian Solar Industries Association (CanSIA):

As Minister of Energy and Mines, the Premier has asked me to respond to your October 4, 2019 email regarding the Enhanced Net Metering Program.

In June of 2018, our government announced the creation of the SolarHomes Program, intended to build on the Enhanced Net Metering Program and encourage more Nova Scotian's to install solar power. The SolarHomes Program has been very successful, recently surpassing the 500th Nova Scotian home to participate. Before the SolarHomes Program, there were around 13 companies working in solar - now there are 57 solar small-businesses registered with Efficiency Nova Scotia.

Our government has the most ambitious greenhouse-gas reduction targets in North America and solar energy is a big part of our plans to reach those goals. Government supports the growth of this industry and supports those Nova Scotians exercising their energy choices. We have no intention of making changes to the operation of the Enhanced Net Metering Program without seeking meaningful engagement and advice from the people who use the program, represented through organizations such as CanSIA. I hope that you will find this commitment reassuring.

Sincerely

Derek Mombourquette

Minister

c. Honourable Stephen McNeil, Premier of Nova Scotia