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Dear Premier Eby,

On behalf of the Canadian Propane Association (CPA) and the 400 member companies, I am writing to offer our congratulations on your recent leadership win. We support your message on building a prosperous BC and we look forward to learning more about your priorities and approaches for supporting BC's natural resources sector, particularly regarding natural gas production and LNG projects.

Propane is one of the cleanest and most versatile energy sources in existence. Canadian propane is a low-carbon, affordable, reliable, and versatile energy source that is safe and abundantly available. In fact, BC is Canada's third largest province in terms of propane production, and a leading export jurisdiction for propane to overseas markets. The expanded use of low-carbon propane – which is market-ready and requires minimal capital investments – is an important part of BC's energy future.

Over 31,000 households across the province currently use propane as their main energy source, many of these homes are in rural and remote communities and rely on propane to heat their homes and cook their food. There are over 150,000 homes currently using wood and diesel for home heating across BC - propane can and should be the energy of choice for converting away from these high emission fuels. Our sector supports over 3,000 thousand of jobs across the province, and propane generates almost \$261 million in annual taxes and royalties - contributing \$658 million to the provincial GDP in 2018.

CPA recognizes that your campaign focused on the importance of a clean energy future for BC. We are ready to roll up our sleeves and do our part in helping to make BC the best place to live and work. Propane can be used today to reduce emissions and with further innovation on the horizon, such as renewable propane, low-carbon Canadian propane can serve the energy needs of future generations with even more sustainable solutions. The propane industry expects to see a further reduction in emissions intensity, making propane an easy and available way to achieve a clean energy future. Including propane now in policy and programming development in the transition to a lower-carbon economy will immediately reduce GHGs – a critical step in reaching net-zero emissions by 2050 – while maintaining jobs across the province. There are over 151,000 homes across BC that still rely on high emission fuel to heat their homes (namely diesel and wood). The CPA looks forward to working with your government and encouraging remote and rural communities to switch to propane, as a low emission, affordable and reliable energy source.

As you build your government, I hope that you will reflect on the important contribution the people of the propane industry make in every constituency in BC. Many of our members operate family-run businesses across the province and understand first-hand the importance of creating a sustainable and vibrant community for our businesses and families to live and to thrive. We look forward to engaging with you and your government as we continue to build a bright future for BC.

Katie Kachur, our Vice President of Government Relations for Western Canada, will follow up with your team to discuss our policy proposals, to create and enhance future opportunities for a thriving propane sector in BC.

Sincerely,



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