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Rt. Honourable Mark Carney PC, OC, MP
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Dear Prime Minister,

On behalf of 400 members of the Canadian Propane Association from across Canada, I want to congratulate you on your election victory on April 28, 2025.

The propane industry in Canada is comprised of producers, wholesalers, transporters, suppliers of propane equipment and of course propane retailers who roll up their sleeves to deliver affordable and lower-emission energy to Canadians everyday.

Each year, the Canadian propane industry generates over \$5.15 billion for the Canadian economy. Canada's national, provincial and territorial governments are beneficiaries of a strong propane industry, with propane operations across the country generating over \$1.8 billion in taxes and royalties each year. These funds help to pay for important services in our communities.

The industry supports around 27,500 jobs. Canadians are employed in the propane industry in many roles, including in extraction, production and refining, transportation and distribution, equipment manufacturing, and sales and marketing.

The propane industry's value to the economy will continue to expand. The growing demand for propane is being driven by the shift toward lower-carbon energy sources—such as renewable propane—and by advances in technology and infrastructure.

Canada helps meet global demand for propane, exporting over 50 per cent of its production. This also means propane exports help reduce our trade deficits with other countries.

During the federal election campaign, we outlined recommendations aimed at delivering tangible benefits for Canadians. Three key themes emerged for us:

Providing affordable and lower-emission energy to Canadians in areas beyond the natural gas grid which includes rural and Indigenous communities. According to Statistics Canada, rural communities face almost double the level of energy poverty compared to those who have access to natural gas. Many remote communities continue to rely on diesel for home energy and power generation. They should be encouraged to choose propane which is a much cleaner energy than diesel and does not require remediation if spilled.

Free trade begins at home. Reduce internal regulatory barriers by aligning CSA codes across Canada and eliminating unnecessary province-specific requirements. Streamlining permitting for propane installations and creating a national licensing for propane workers will cut red tape, provide savings that can be passed along to consumers while ensuring that safety remains a top priority for our industry.

Diversify our exports. The United States has long been—and will remain—a key market for our industry. At the same time, we've been actively expanding our reach in Asia. Over the past seven years, Japan and South Korea have become important export destinations, supported by west coast facilities in British Columbia operated by CPA members AltaGas and Pembina.

Since 2018, propane exports to Asia have grown from **zero to \$1.6 billion in 2023**. We see a unique and critical opportunity to further grow waterborne propane exports to both Asia and Mexico—especially as the federal government looks to reduce reliance on the U.S. market.

We look forward to working with your government—including ministers and secretaries of state—to discuss the propane advantage for Canadians. The propane industry is committed to doing our part in helping Canada become an energy superpower both at home and globally.

Sincerely,



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cc.

Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Finance and National Revenue

Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Transport and Internal Trade

Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Industry and Minister responsible for Canada Economic Development for Quebec Regions

Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada and Minister responsible for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency

Honourable Tim Hodgson, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources

Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Jobs and Families and Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario

Honourable Maninder Sidhu, Minister of International Trade

Honourable Gregor Robertson, Minister of Housing and Infrastructure and Minister responsible for Pacific Economic Development Canada

Honourable Heath MacDonald, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

Honourable Rebecca Chartrand, Minister of Northern and Arctic Affairs and Minister responsible for the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency

Honourable Eleanor Olzewski, Minister of Emergency Management and Community Resilience



and Minister responsible for Prairies Economic Development Canada

Honourable Evan Solomon, Minister of Artificial Intelligence and Digital Innovation and Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario

Honourable Buckley Belanger, Secretary of State (Rural Development)

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