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Dear Mr. Charette,

The Canadian Biogas Association (CBA) is pleased to support the Ministry of the Environment and the Fight Against Climate Change's work in supporting the development and growth of the biogas and Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) industry in the province of Quebec. This work is particularly timely given the public's focus on climate change and the call for significant carbon emissions reduction solutions and is critically important for addressing the pressing need for carbon emissions reductions and clean energy solutions. Educating the public on the value and the opportunities that the biogas/RNG industry holds is more important than ever if we are to transition to a sustainable and environmentally responsible energy industry.

The CBA is not for profit organization and is the national and collective voice of the biogas/RNG sector. We are committed to developing the biogas/RNG industry to its fullest potential through capturing and processing organic materials to maximize the utility and value within that material and we represent the industry across Canada. Our members are comprised of developers, operators, design and technology companies, and resource suppliers and utilities companies producing biogas. In short, we represent the entire value chain of the industry and of those looking for cleaner low carbon fuel alternatives. The CBA advocates for building the Canadian biogas industry through focusing on three main objectives: advocacy, education, and capacity building. Within these objectives the CBA strives to support regulatory development of the industry, build industry knowledge, create networks within the sector, and create resources and tools to help educate both the sector but also the public to build awareness of the potential of biogas/RNG to innovate the agricultural, municipal and waste management sectors.

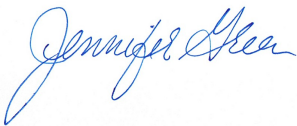
The RNG industry has the potential to create new sources of revenue, employment opportunities, mobilization of a new value chain, and support of innovation in the sector. Further, its potential for carbon reduction, use of local organic materials, revolutionizing waste management, and participation in the emerging circular global economy means that RNG is an excellent avenue for combatting the challenges of climate change.

The CBA considers the development of RNG in Quebec to be an opportunity for sustainable and locally produced sources of energy, and economic development in the province. Steps need to be taken to create the right conditions for this development and growth of the RNG industry including legislation, financial incentive, and supporting innovation in the sector to achieve the suggested targets.

As voiced as the collective group supporting RNG in Quebec, legislation is needed for creating the supply and demand needed for this sector's development. Budgetary support in the form of subsidies or incentives on the part of the Quebec government is also critical for creating the space for RNG projects to develop. Through such support producers, developers, and end users can invest in long-term projects that have the potential to create a new industry, and which can help reach the emissions reductions goals set out by the province. Implementation of these incentives by the province will drive the cross-network collaboration (between producers, operators and users) needed to grow RNG production and will create pathways for both new participants and traditional fossil fuel intensive industries to partake in this industry.

The CBA considers RNG a critical component of a sustainable energy sector and is supportive of these latest efforts by Ministry of the Environment which both showcase this opportunity to raise public awareness around the economic opportunities of RNG and which demonstrate how participation in this industry is part of the solution in the fight against climate change.

Sincerely,
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