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Dear Mr. Gage:

Thank you for your email message of August 31, 2016, in which you suggest that a national accountability mechanism be established to ensure implementation of plans for meeting greenhouse gas reduction targets.

I appreciate your submitting helpful suggestions into the public consultation portal for the pan-Canadian framework on clean growth and climate change, as well as your report, *A Carbon Budget for Canada*.

Ensuring transparency and accountability for planning and implementing climate actions is a priority for the Government of Canada. In the March 2016 Vancouver Declaration on Clean Growth and Climate Change, first ministers of all jurisdictions agreed to accurately and transparently assess the progress of our climate actions toward our respective and collective targets. I will carefully consider your proposals on ways to ensure that accountability is an integral part of the pan-Canadian framework as I work with my provincial and territorial colleagues and Indigenous leaders on its development.

I look forward to your continued engagement as we finalize and implement this framework.

Thank you again for your input and for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P.

