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Good afternoon:

I am writing to express my appreciation for your participation in the engagement on British Columbia's (BC) Economic Plan this year.

I am grateful for the valuable time and insight you and your fellow participants shared with me during the sessions. This has been an incredible challenging year for British Columbians, and while our focus as a Government has been on supporting people, businesses, and communities today, we also need to plan for tomorrow and ensure we are ready to compete in the post-pandemic economy. Working together, our aim is to develop an Economic Plan for BC that is innovative, inclusive, and sustainable, and hearing your perspectives was vital to these goals.

A wide range of topics were raised over the course of the engagement. Many themes emerged, and the varying perspectives around the table added important depth to the discussions. Some of the most frequently raised themes included: commitment to a just recovery; affordable housing and childcare; the central importance of Indigenous reconciliation; retaining a skilled workforce; and internet connectivity throughout BC. Many participants also raised the opportunity for BC to set bold goals, to leverage our strong academic institutions and innovative businesses and to become a world class leader in the green economy.

The trends, learnings, and opportunities we discussed reinforced the important work we have ahead to create a strong economic vision that capitalizes on BC's strengths. It also inspired and energized me for this collaborative effort as we move further along the path to recovery. We will carry your input forward into the development of the Economic Plan and our ongoing priority to rebuild a more just and equitable 'new normal.'

Thank you again for joining us in this process, and for the care and passion you bring to your work. We look forward to sharing more information on the development of the Economic Plan early next year.

Sincerely,

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