

September 4, 2019

Re: An Open Letter to Manitoba's Next Government

Dear:

The Honourable Brian Pallister, Premier; Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Manitoba
Mr. Wab Kinew, Leader of the Opposition; Leader of the Manitoba New Democratic Party
Mr. Dougald Lamont, Leader of the Manitoba Liberal Party
Mr. James Beddome, Leader of the Green Party of Manitoba

We, the undersigned business leaders, are concerned by the growing risks that climate change and the resulting environmental degradation and uncertainty pose to our economic well-being. Accelerated and unprecedented climate change is happening and is a mainstream issue of concern for businesses all over the world. It presents a growing risk to our companies and we already see it affecting multiple sectors. Failure to plan, act, and adapt will impose greater financial costs on businesses and taxpayers.

We represent a cross section of Manitoba businesses; we employ Manitobans, invest our capital here, create jobs, and contribute directly to the growth and well-being of this province. While we are confident in our ability to do what is right for our business and the people we support, we cannot do it alone.

We request your consideration of the following actions as you plan Manitoba's future:

- Remove policies and barriers that discourage or prevent growth of the local clean technology sector.
- Ensure continued access to reliable, affordable, renewable energy.
- Invest in resilient infrastructure to protect critical supply lines and reduce the financial burden of future extreme weather.
- Put measures in place to help us protect our assets and employees from the impacts of environmental degradation and a changing climate, thereby ensuring continued productivity.
- Support Manitoba businesses and consumers in making purchasing choices that result in lower fossil fuel consumption and a lower carbon footprint.
- Institute policies that protect Manitoba's natural spaces and key waterbodies so that the responsible businesses that rely on them can thrive, and so that all Manitobans can enjoy them.
- Promote responsible development and use of Manitoba's natural resources.
- Position Manitoba and its industries as national and global leaders in clean technology development and the circular economy revolution, such that new economic opportunities may be fully realized.

This letter is not an endorsement of any one political party or any current or past policy. It is a request that, should your party form the next government, your policies and actions demonstrate a clear and strong commitment to supporting Manitoba businesses to thrive, now and long into the future.

Respectfully Signed:

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