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Hon. Rick Doucet
Minister of Energy and Resource Development
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Dear Minister Doucet:

Congratulations on your recent appointment as Minister of Energy and Resource Development.

You have inherited a huge portfolio with many moving parts. As the global economy is shifting toward renewable energy resources, and Canada has now become party to the Paris Agreement, it's time your department is structured to meet this challenge. New Brunswick needs a renewable energy branch dedicated to developing our renewable resources in sustainable ways.

The Crown Lands and Forests Act was adopted more than thirty years ago and no longer reflects today's realities. It needs to be amended so that it reflects our treaty relationship with First Nations, addresses the priority New Brunswickers place on the protection of wildlife, waters and ecosystem health, and provides for greater fairness and more local opportunity in our forest economy.

We have an opportunity to embrace the new economy and benefit from this shift. I would be happy to speak with you in more detail on these matters and others if you so desire.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Coon".

David Coon,
MLA, Fredericton South
Leader, Green Party of New Brunswick