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Hon. John Ames Minister of Tourism, Heritage and Culture P.O. Box 6000 Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1

Dear Minister Ames:

Congratulations on your recent appointment to cabinet as Minister of Tourism, Heritage and Culture.

New Brunswick's diverse cultures, rich heritage and tremendous potential for tourism are central to our social and economic development.

I believe we have barely tapped the economic potential of tourism for New Brunswick which presents you with a tremendous opportunity to lead in this area.

Similarly, there is much to be done to advance the arts in New Brunswick, whether its theatre and film, music and dance, or literature and the visual arts. I would ask you to revisit the decision to cut funding to ArtsNB. I believe it takes us in the wrong direction, and that Bill 42 should be withdrawn.

I would be happy to speak with you in more detail on these issues and any others, if you so desire.

Sincerely,

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