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Her Worship Lisa Helps  
Mayor of the City of Victoria

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Dear Mayor Helps:

Thank you for writing to us about the Help Cities Lead campaign.

Local government leadership is a cornerstone of addressing climate change in British Columbia (BC) and the Ministries of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation (EMLI), Environment and Climate Change Strategy, and Municipal Affairs look forward to ongoing collaborations with local governments.

In 2018, our Government launched CleanBC, which puts BC on the path to a cleaner, better future by building a low-carbon economy with new clean-energy jobs and opportunities. This commitment to CleanBC was demonstrated in Budget 2021, with an additional \$506 million allocated to reducing emissions and promoting affordability. This brings total CleanBC funding to nearly \$2.2 billion over five years.

The policy areas highlighted in your letter represent priority areas for the Province.

Through our StrongerBC Economic Recovery Plan, the Province committed \$2 million to support the development of a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Roadmap. The Roadmap will be completed in the coming months and used to inform the Province's review and approach to any mandate regarding PACE.

In November 2020, the Minister of Finance was given a mandate to support EMLI to require home energy labelling and disclosure at the time of sale for BC homes. EMLI is currently developing policy options to support this mandate and, before moving forward, will engage homeowners, real estate professionals, local governments and First Nations to ensure alignment with stakeholder objectives and priorities.

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The Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing (AGH) is currently developing an Existing Building Renewal Strategy, which will include actions to improve energy efficiency, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and increase resiliency to climate and seismic hazards. Technical requirements for a retrofit code are under development and will be introduced by 2024.

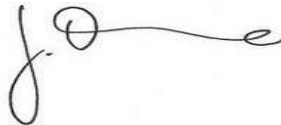
The AGH was also mandated to support local governments to set their own carbon pollution standards for new buildings. Together, this work will empower local governments to take bolder action to address climate change.

Thank you, again, for writing. We look forward to working together on the policy areas you have highlighted.

Sincerely,

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Bruce Ralston  
Minister of Energy, Mines and  
Low Carbon Innovation

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