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May 3, 2020

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A2

Dear Right Honourable Prime Minister,

On behalf of Canada's Building Trades Unions ("CBTU") and our more than 500,000 highly trained and skilled Canadian workers, we are committed to helping our country weather this crisis by building the critical infrastructure necessary to keep Canadians healthy and the Canadian economy strong.

In order to maintain the ever-increasing and important demand for critical infrastructure, and to ensure Canada's economy has a quick and successful recovery, we have developed a paper (attached) outlining what we believe are the five key priorities – or pillars – for Canada and its construction sector as the country moves forward towards post-pandemic recovery.

Our members build everything from a utility box through to the largest structures in Canada. Our members construct and shape the skylines of Canada—we are the men and women that build roads, bridges, schools, hospitals, pipelines, power plants, solar and wind farms, and so much more. We are part of an industry that impacts over 14% of Canada's GDP – 1 in 13 Canadians work in construction. As Canada's middle class, our hard-working members are the drivers of the economy.

In partnership with you and your government, the CBTU is committed to ensuring that Canada builds the critical infrastructure it needs to recover and grow from this crisis. As part of that goal, in our document, we have included a list of shovel-ready projects that we believe can put Canadians to work and help boost Canada's post-economic recovery through investments in infrastructure, both in the short-term and in the long-term. This list was devised in consultation with our affiliates, provincial councils and contractor partners and associations.

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At your earliest convenience, we would like to discuss with you the content of this paper and how the CBTU can work with you on a new deal for Canada built on investments in infrastructure and training with a commitment to our health and safety and support for our communities.

Sincerely,



Robert Kucheran,
Chair, CBTU Executive Board

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Catherine McKenna, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities
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