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The Honourable Stephen McNeil
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Re: Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act

Dear Premier McNeil,

I am writing on behalf of Efficiency Canada to express support for the re-introduction of the Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act (EGSPA) with new goals and targets that extend beyond 2020. Efficiency Canada is a new organization that provides a national voice for an energy efficient economy. We are based out of Carleton University's Sustainable Energy Research Centre.

Nova Scotia's leadership in energy efficiency is recognized at a national level. For instance, Efficiency Nova Scotia was highlighted as a best practice in the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change, and in our recent report on the job creation and GDP benefits of energy efficiency titled *Less is More* (attached).

Energy efficiency is a policy area that perfectly encapsulates EGSPA's commitment to environmental and economic goals. Our economic modelling showed that aggressive energy efficiency in Nova Scotia is estimated to create 6,600 annual jobs and boost the provincial GDP by \$0.9 billion a year, on average, between now and 2030.

We encourage you to renew EGSPA and to consider adopting specific energy efficiency goals. These goals could include energy savings of 2.5% per year for electricity and refined petroleum products. These energy savings levels would lead to the job creation and GDP benefits noted above.

We also encourage public outreach and consultation to highlight the economic opportunities in a more efficient and sustainable economy. We look forward to working with you to maintain and expand Nova Scotia's leadership in energy efficiency to build a prosperous economy and sustainable environment.





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Less is More Report

The Economic Impact of Improved Energy Efficiency in Canada

