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Mr. Robert J. Schutzman
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Dear Mr. Schutzman:

The Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change has asked me to respond to your letter of May 5, 2017, in which you provide views on the Expert Panel's report on the review of environmental assessment processes and request a longer review period.

I appreciate you taking the time to provide comments. Your views and perspectives are of great value in this review process. While the review period for providing comments on the Panel's report is closed, we will consider the comments that you have provided to date. Going forward there will continue to be opportunity to engage in this review process and I would encourage you to do so.

The Panel report is one input into this process. Minister McKenna will review the recommendations made by the Expert Panel, in light of the feedback gathered engaging Canadians, including the public, Indigenous Peoples, and stakeholders. This will be used to help inform and develop options for potential legislative, regulatory and policy changes.

The Government of Canada is committed to this review and will continue to work with Indigenous Peoples and stakeholders on the best path forward for improvements to environmental assessment processes.

Once again, thank you for your comments and participation in this review.

Sincerely,

Ron Hallman

