

Minister of
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Economic Development



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Dear Sir/Madam:

Thank you for your correspondence regarding zero-emission vehicles.

Within the context of the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change, the Government of Canada has committed to working with provincial and territorial governments, industry, and stakeholders to develop a Canada-wide strategy to increase the number of zero-emission vehicles on Canadian roads by 2018.

Further to this commitment, in May 2017, the Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport, and I established a national advisory group focused on addressing the key barriers to greater deployment of zero-emission technologies, including vehicle supply, as you have highlighted in your correspondence.

The advisory group is also examining four other key areas: costs and benefits of ownership, infrastructure readiness, public awareness, and clean growth and clean jobs. A strategy addressing these barriers would build on the important start already made by the government in providing \$62.5 million through Budget 2016 and an additional \$120 million through Budget 2017 to deploy infrastructure for electric vehicle charging and put in place refuelling stations for alternative fuel such as natural gas and hydrogen.

Once again, thank you for sharing your views, and please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "N. Bains".

The Honourable Navdeep Bains, P.C., M.P.

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