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The Right Honourable Mark Carney
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Dear Prime Minister Carney,

On behalf of the Canadian Hydrogen Association (CHA) and our members, congratulations on your recent election victory. We wish you much success as your government advances priorities that matter to Canadians.

At this pivotal moment in our history, Canada's world-class hydrogen sector stands ready to support your efforts to strengthen and protect the Canadian economy. Your commitment to advancing clean energy and positioning Canada as a global energy superpower is of critical importance to our members, the 4,000 Canadians employed in the hydrogen sector, and all Canadians striving for a carbon-neutral future.

As you may know, the CHA is a national, non-profit association that brings together Canadian companies, governments, and research institutions involved across the hydrogen value chain — from production and storage to transportation, end-use applications, and enabling technologies. As the collective voice of the Canadian hydrogen sector for over 50 years, our mission is to champion the industry, strengthen its leadership, and accelerate the commercialization of Canadian hydrogen products and services. The CHA has nearly 200 members across the country, supported by three regional affiliates (Hydrogen British Columbia, Hydrogen Alberta, and Hydrogen Ontario), and maintains partnerships with more than 20 international associations.

Hydrogen is essential to achieving carbon neutrality by 2050 and provides a secure and resilient energy platform for Canada. The sector is already helping to decarbonize hard-to-abate industries while generating economic growth, creating jobs, and opening up new export markets. With its world-leading expertise and abundant clean energy resources, Canada is well positioned to become a global hydrogen leader—delivering clean energy to the world while reducing emissions at home.

We applaud the Government of Canada for its ongoing support through key policy and funding initiatives such as the Hydrogen Strategy for Canada, the Clean Hydrogen Investment Tax Credit (CH-ITC) and other ITCs, the revised Climate Plan, the Strategic Innovation Fund – Net Zero Accelerator, and the \$1.5 billion Clean Fuel Fund. We also welcome the federal government's commitment to export-oriented hydrogen development.

Together, these supports are helping to position Canada as a global hydrogen leader while driving commercial investment in key sectors, including transportation, natural gas, mining, aviation, and marine.

In the year ahead, the CHA will continue working closely with key departments—Natural Resources Canada, Environment and Climate Change Canada, and Global Affairs Canada—to help maximize the economic and environmental benefits of the government’s hydrogen initiatives. To this end, our sector’s priorities include:

I. Sector Priorities

- **Recognition of Clean Hydrogen’s Role**
 - Acknowledge low-carbon hydrogen as essential to Canada’s net-zero goals.
 - Support all clean hydrogen production pathways, focusing on carbon intensity rather than production color.
 - Recognize fuel cells, hydrogen combustion, and dual-fuel engines as critical clean transport technologies.
- **Direct Funding & Project Acceleration**
 - Increase access to direct funding (including grants) for large-scale hydrogen production, storage or hub creation, and technology scale-up projects.
 - Streamline regulatory processes to avoid unnecessary project delays.
- **Stimulating Domestic Demand**
 - Collaborate with governments, industry, and the Canada Growth Fund to develop a market-based policy instrument that catalyzes domestic demand in hard-to-abate sectors.
 - Establish hydrogen as a strategic pillar under the Strategic Innovation Fund – Net Zero Accelerator.
- **Tax Credit Improvements**
 - Expand eligibility for hydrogen production, hydrogen derivative conversion equipment, and carbon capture equipment under the CCUS and CH-ITC, thereby enhancing support across the entire hydrogen value chain and reducing barriers to access.
- **Mobility and Infrastructure**
 - Reboot Hydrogen for Mobility incentives for new builds and fleet conversions.
 - Extend CT-ITC coverage to downstream hydrogen investments such as liquefaction.
- **Long-Term Investment Certainty**
 - Introduce contracts-for-difference, e.g., via the Canada Growth Fund, to protect low-carbon fuel investments from material policy changes.
 - Continue Clean Fuel Regulations and consider regulatory mechanisms, modeled on successful international frameworks, to drive domestic demand.
- **Support for Canadian Industry**
 - Include “Buy Canadian” incentives in federal funding programs where feasible to encourage domestic industry development.

The CHA and our members are eager to work with your government to grow the hydrogen sector, position Canada as a global energy leader, and deliver cost-effective, low-emission energy solutions.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to engaging with you further to realize a low-carbon future for all Canadians.

Sincerely,

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