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The Honourable Francois-Philippe Champagne, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Champagne,

On behalf of the members of the Canadian Consortium for Research (CCR), I would like to congratulate you on your re-election and appointment as Canada's Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry.

At 20 organizations, the CCR is the largest advocacy consortium representing more than 50,000 researchers and 650,000 students in Canada. Our focus is on the level of research funding across all disciplines including support for post-secondary education.

As we continue to address the challenges of living with COVID-19, the CCR believes there are many social, economic and health dividends that long-term and sustainable investments in science can bring to Canada. From continued management of the pandemic and improved health and well-being, to positioning Canada as a global leader in the creation and ownership of breakthrough knowledge and discoveries, science and evidence will continue to play a crucial role in terms of informing the policy-choices that are before government and society.

Science is a fundamental component of everything we are, do and create. Its impact and potential is limitless. The CCR looks forward to working with you, science stakeholders and others, and would be pleased to meet with you to discuss how we can fully leverage our investments in science and education, and show the government's support for a prosperous science culture in Canada.

I can be reached at executiveoffice@cpa.ca.

Best wishes for a successful 44th session of Parliament.

Yours sincerely,

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