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The Honourable Melanie Joly P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Industry  
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Dear Minister Joly:

On behalf of the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA), I would like to congratulate you on becoming Minister of Industry. This is a unique moment in the country's history that requires strong and steady leadership combined with the urgency of repositioning and transforming our economy.

As you move forward, the CPA believes that from a policy perspective the health and wealth of the country are closely intertwined. In this context, we are pleased that your government has made a number of commitments to build the strongest economy in the G7, of which investing in publicly funded research is a key driver of discovery, new knowledge and applied innovation that will continue to propel Canada forward.

We strongly believe that investments in psychological science deepen our ability to understand the world around us, improve our overall quality of life and standard of living, and inform health, social and economic policy focused on our productivity, competitiveness and sustained prosperity.

The CPA is the national voice for the science, practice and education of psychology in the service of the health and welfare of Canadians. With more than 7,000 members, the CPA is Canada's largest association for psychology and represents psychologists in the public and private sector, university educators and researchers, as well as students. Psychologists are the country's largest group of regulated and specialized mental health providers, making our profession a key resource for the mental health treatment Canadians need.

As you settle into your new role, the CPA would be pleased to meet with you to discuss how the federal government can support a high functioning research ecosystem that positions Canada for unparalleled success.

In closing, I wish you the very best in meeting the challenges that lay before us and look forward to working with you to improve our collective mental and behavioural health – our success as a country depends on it. I can be reached at [executiveoffice@cpa.ca](mailto:executiveoffice@cpa.ca).

Sincerely,

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