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The Right Honourable Mark Carney  
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Prime Minister:

On behalf of the government and people of New Brunswick, please accept my sincere congratulations on the success of your party in the recent federal election. I look forward to working with you as your government implements its agenda to unite, secure, protect and build a strong, resilient and prosperous Canada.

Like you, I firmly believe in the promise of Canada. We have the people, the resources, and the determination to build a strong and secure future for our nation and its people. We agree on what must now be done: protect our sovereignty, unite our economy, and move forward with nation-building projects that will enable us to trade with new and emerging markets around the globe.

Achieving these goals will require teamwork. Canada succeeds when provincial, territorial and federal governments work together for the benefit of our nation. Our government stands ready to work with you toward achieving our mutual objectives.

There are several priority initiatives on which I'd like us to start working together to support New Brunswickers and Canadians:

**Nation-Building Projects:** Trade and resource corridors are urgently needed to move goods and resources across the country. As Canada's most trade-oriented province, New Brunswick needs unimpeded access to markets across Canada, and the rest of Canada needs full access to New Brunswick's seaports.

The ports of Saint John and Belledune can play a key role in expanding international trade, but transportation bottlenecks and infrastructure needs must be addressed to enable these ports to realize their full potential, including commitments to the redevelopment of Simms Corner in Saint John.

New Brunswick's electricity grid must be fully integrated into the national electricity system so that New Brunswickers have access to affordable and reliable sources of power. Diversifying New Brunswick's generating system to include wind, solar, nuclear and more will benefit this province

and the Atlantic region by providing new sources of clean and non-emitting electricity to support economic growth.

**Internal Trade:** New Brunswick is moving quickly to tear down barriers to trade with the rest of Canada. Our government has introduced legislation to enable skilled professionals to work in New Brunswick from their day of arrival in the province, while regulators confirm their credentials. We also have legislation to be passed soon that will remove restrictions on alcohol purchased outside the province and will soon implement direct-to-consumer purchases so that New Brunswickers have greater choice in their purchases.

These initiatives along with the mutual recognition of each other's goods have been enshrined in memorandums we have signed with the provinces of Ontario and Newfoundland and Labrador. We want to move quickly to expand the scope of these agreements to cover all of Canada's provinces and territories. I look forward to working with all First Ministers to achieve our shared goal of open free trade within Canada.

**Health Care:** All Canadians deserve access to primary care in their communities when and where they need it. Our government has committed to a significant expansion of primary care through a team-based model where physicians, nurses and other health professionals work together to address patient needs. We have recently expanded and established community collaborative clinics in Fredericton, Lameque and Tantramar. I was pleased to see your commitment to healthcare infrastructure in your platform -- by working with the federal government, we can move more quickly to expand access to community health teams to every corner of New Brunswick.

**Canada's military:** Canadian Forces Base Gagetown is Canada's largest military training area and has ample space to support an expanded role in training our soldiers for new challenges. We are ready to work with you to maximize opportunities to grow the capacity of CFB Gagetown as your government moves to renew and strengthen Canada's armed forces.

**Critical Minerals:** New Brunswick has vast reserves of rare earth metals and other resources critical to the development of modern-day technology, including 21 of the 34 that the federal government deems critical including untapped wealth in tungsten, molybdenum and more. Barriers must be removed to secure their development. We are developing a Critical Minerals Strategy to promote development of these resources, and a partnership with the federal government will be vital in realizing this opportunity. We are very supportive of the "one project, one review" approach you have described, and trust that it will be applied in support of the provinces' jurisdiction on mineral development.

**Immigration:** New Brunswick needs immigration to ensure continued growth and prosperity. It is vital to our province that we get our fair of immigrants under the Provincial Nominee Program and that we remain able to attract international students to our post-secondary institutions. In addition, New Brunswick has long been a destination for French-speaking immigrants to Canada, and many of our francophone communities have been strengthened and revitalized by newcomers. We look forward to playing a key role in achieving your goal of expanding francophone immigration outside Quebec.

**Housing:** Alleviating the housing crisis will require new and innovative approaches. Your government has committed to expanding the use of prefabricated homes in addressing housing shortages. New Brunswick has an established modular home industry with an experienced and skilled workforce, giving us the resources to assist in providing new homes to Canadians in every region of the country. We look forward to sharing this wealth of knowledge with the federal government. We also look forward to working with you to get more homes built for New Brunswickers.

I would appreciate an opportunity to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss these and other opportunities that will advance your agenda and our mutual interests. I have also directed my ministers to contact their colleagues in the federal cabinet, once they have been appointed, to discuss ways we can work together to realize our potential as a nation.

While we face unprecedented uncertainty in a destabilized world, we can all be certain of this: Canada will rise to meet whatever challenges lay ahead. As Canadians, we are proud of who we are and remain hopeful for what we can become. I look forward to working with you so that all Canadians can meet the future with confidence.

With gratitude,



Susan Holt  
Premier