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Climate Emergency Declaration

The Honourable Catherine McKenna  
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Ottawa, ON K2P 0P4  
Via email: [Catherine.McKenna@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Catherine.McKenna@parl.gc.ca)

Dear Minister McKenna:

**RE: CLIMATE EMERGENCY – FEDERAL LEADERSHIP**

In follow up to the Capital Regional District's (CRD) letter dated February 25, 2019, in mid-February 2019, the CRD Board, representing 13 municipalities and three electoral areas in Greater Victoria, British Columbia, unanimously declared a climate emergency and reaffirmed a leadership role working toward carbon neutrality by 2030. Since that date, nine municipalities within the Greater Victoria region have joined many other Canadian local governments in declaring climate emergencies and are seeking greatly accelerated climate action from all levels of government.

The CRD supports the federal government in fully implementing the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change. Furthermore, we ask that the federal government increase its efforts in order to limit global warming to 1.5°C.

The CRD will continue to show leadership and support our region in taking accelerated climate action. We encourage the federal government to deliver on its climate commitments as soon as possible. We look forward to working together on key climate action efforts to achieve our collective goals and targets.

Sincerely,

Colin Plant  
Chair, Capital Regional District Board

cc: CRD Board Members  
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