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Mr. Stephen Masson  
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Dear Mr. Masson:

Thank you for your correspondence letter of October 31, 2016, about the current state of mining and mineral exploration in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and the challenges confronting the industry across the country.

Since taking office, I have had the opportunity to meet a number of companies and industry representatives. Through these discussions and other engagement activities, I have developed a real appreciation of the challenges faced by the Canadian mineral exploration industry, such as the market outlook, the ability to attract investment, access to land for exploration, and working in infrastructure deficient regions. I have also come to appreciate the industry's importance to communities across the country, and in particular, in providing important socio-economic opportunities for Indigenous peoples and northern communities.

I am pleased to hear about your association's support of Manitoba's decision to implement resource revenue sharing with Indigenous communities, becoming only the second jurisdiction to do so. I recognize the importance of a strong, mutually respectful relationship with Indigenous Peoples based on recognition of rights, respect, co-operation, and partnership. Initiatives to provide Indigenous communities with greater opportunities to share in the benefits of mineral development are positive steps towards improving these relationships.

My department will continue to work with provinces and territories, Indigenous Peoples, and interested parties to effectively respond to the challenges confronting our mineral industry.

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Our work plan includes efforts to enhance public geoscience, advancing efficient and transparent decision making and regulatory regimes governing resources, and collaboration on approaches to innovation and the development of clean technologies to encourage clean growth in the minerals industry.

I believe in the power of collaboration and fostering an open dialogue. By working together, I am confident that we will achieve significant results for Canadians by ensuring our exploration and mining industry remains a source of jobs and prosperity while ensuring a clean and sustainable environment.

Again, thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Carr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

The Honourable Jim Carr, P.C., M.P.

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