

**Premier of Manitoba** Legislative Building Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C OV8 CANADA

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Dear Minister Moses,

I am honoured that you have agreed to serve Manitobans as the Minister for Economic Development, Investment, Trade and Natural Resources.

Our government is a listening government. As a Minister, I expect you to respect the excellence and expert advice of the public service and to work with them on our shared mission to serve the people of Manitoba.

Manitobans told us it was time for change. We have promised to deliver a government that builds a shared future for our province. Our platform offered an ambitious and responsible plan to make health care better, lower costs, and grow the economy with good jobs and a balanced budget. Manitobans expect us to fulfill our commitments, and it is my expectation that you deliver on the commitments that pertain to your Ministry. Delivering on our core election commitments within a balanced budget is critical to fulfilling the mandate Manitobans have given us.

As the Minister of Economic Development, Investment and Trade and Natural Resources, you are responsible for growing our economy, increasing investment in our province and maximizing our trade relationships.

In particular, I ask that you work with your Cabinet colleagues and through legislative, regulatory and department processes to deliver on these immediate priorities:

- Grow our economy with good Manitoba jobs for Manitobans.
- Create a Premier's Business and Jobs Council to bring together leaders from business, skilled trades, agriculture, Indigenous communities, labour and other sectors.
- Expand our clean energy economy and develop a real critical minerals strategy that creates good jobs and economic growth in northern Manitoba with Indigenous inclusion.
- Work with our Advisor on Canada-U.S. Trade, the honourable Gary Doer, and I to advance our trading partnership with the U.S.

Additionally I ask that you work with your Cabinet colleagues and through legislative, regulatory and department processes to deliver on our other key commitments:

- Create 10,000 new jobs in the skilled trades over the next eight years.
- Create new jobs in electric transit manufacturing.
- Create an advisory table to consult with commercial fishers.
- Work with the department of Transportation and Infrastructure to pursue initiatives to develop Churchill and Centreport as transportation and supply chain hubs.

In addition to these priorities, I also expect that you uphold your role with integrity, professionalism and a commitment to accountability. That includes working closely with your Deputy Minister and your senior officials to ensure all decisions are made in the public interest. Just like any highperforming organization, our government will set metrics and measurable goals, listen to evidence and frontline workers, regularly assess our work and report on our progress in order to deliver on the results Manitobans deserve.

The road ahead will have challenges. Change does not come easily. But we owe it to the people of this great province to deliver on our commitments. I know you are as committed as I am to working hard every day to deliver for the people of Manitoba. Our Cabinet will reflect the values all Manitobans share of honesty, hard work, pragmatism and kindness.

Manitobans can accomplish amazing things when we stand together as one province. I firmly believe there is no challenge that we cannot meet when we are united as one Manitoba.

I know I can count on you to fulfill these important responsibilities. As Premier I promise to support you as a Minister, consult with you as a Manitoban and lean on you as a friend. Together, we will work to honour the trust Manitobans have given us.

Miigwech, Merci, Thank you,

Premier of Manitoba

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