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The Honourable Chrystia Freeland

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RE: Small Modular Reactors

Minister Freeland,

The Resource Municipalities Coalition (RMC) is writing to you in support of funding for Small Nuclear Reactors (SMR's) in the 2021 federal budget for jurisdictions that permit the development of these initiatives.

The RMC, founded in 2014, consists of the City of Fort St John, District of Taylor, District of Tumbler Ridge, and the District of Mackenzie, located in northern BC and have come together as each municipality believes in responsible resource development. Through collaboration and working to resolve shared concerns the members have established a foundational belief in responsible resource development as it should sustain communities by addressing impacts to our ecosystems as well as cumulative impacts to a healthy natural environment and to our citizens by ensuring provision of effective social services that improve the quality of life while building a sustainable future

As Canada looks to meet the initiatives outlined within the Pan Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change, the SMR Road Map and subsequent SMR Action Plan, released in December 2020, the provisioning of funds to support SMR development in the 2021 federal budget would support achieving a net zero 2050 commitment.

With the submitted Canadian Nuclear Association's proposal for \$643 million to develop both on-grid and off-grid SMR's over the next five years within approved jurisdictions like Ontario, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and New Brunswick, would further ensure a reduction in GHG emissions and improve the quality of life for northern, rural, and indigenous communities.

The RMC supports the funding of SMR's and encourages the federal government to implement this opportunity as part of the 2021 federal budget.

Sincerely,



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