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Dear Braum Barber:

Thank you for your correspondence of January 22, 2022, regarding the Montem Resources' Tent Mountain Mine Redevelopment Project and the Clean Fuels Fund.

The Government of Canada is committed to fighting climate change and is taking concrete action to build a cleaner, more resilient future. That is why we have introduced the *Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act* and released our *Healthy Environment and Healthy Economy* climate plan, containing 64 new policies, programs, and investments.

Clean fuels, such as hydrogen, renewable natural gas, sustainable aviation fuel, and renewable diesel, will play a key role in Canada's net-zero future. Canada has the resources and expertise to become a leading producer and consumer of clean fuels. To grow the clean fuels market in Canada, Budget 2021 reaffirmed an investment of \$1.5 billion over five years to establish the Clean Fuels Fund to de-risk the capital investment required to build new or expand existing domestic clean fuel production facilities, including facility conversions.

The production of clean fuels is essential to driving down emissions from sectors of the economy where electrification may not be technically or economically feasible. The transition to clean fuels also provides conventional energy companies an important opportunity to diversify their product offerings.

While we cannot comment on any specific application to the Clean Fuels Fund, we are committed to ensuring all projects considered for program funding not only consider local sustainability factors, but adhere to all relevant and applicable federal, provincial and/or territorial regulations, including, but not limited to, environmental regulations.

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Again, thank you for writing, and I trust that you will stay safe and healthy.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Wilkinson', written in a cursive style.

The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, P.C., M.P.
(he/him/il)