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Dear Messrs. Banerjee and Ludden:

As Canada's Minister of Environment and Climate Change, I would like to lend my support to the City of Calgary's bid to host the 38th International Geological Congress in 2028.

I understand there are exciting plans and themes in the works for the 38th International Geological Congress, 2028, including a day on sustainability and climate change. Hosting the Congress is a welcome opportunity for Canada to showcase its leadership on sustainability and climate change, and its commitment to net zero by 2050. The province of Alberta is an energy powerhouse and an essential partner in the context of meeting our collective climate and biodiversity goals.

The Canadian geosciences sector is integral to Canada's plan for a cleaner future, which includes the recently announced Critical Minerals Strategy, a commitment to clean energy and carbon management, and a commitment to Indigenous reconciliation.

Calgary is a vibrant city that is adjacent to the jewels of Canada's National Parks System: Banff, Jasper, Yoho and Waterton national parks. It is well positioned to host the 38th International Geological Congress, 2028. I am confident that the City of Calgary will support a memorable experience for your membership.

Please accept my best regards.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Steven Guilbeault, P.C., M.P. (il/lui/le/him)

