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Re: Protecting the Greener Homes Loan

Dear Minister Erskine-Smith,

(La version française se trouve plus bas.)

We are writing to you as organizations and businesses within Canada's energy efficiency sector to urgently highlight the risks facing the \$40,000 interest-free loan program under the Greener Homes initiative. While the 2024 Fall Economic Statement included a \$600 million top-up to extend the program, Parliament's prorogation disrupted its passage, putting the future of this critical program at risk. With loan approvals already nearing 100,000, there are growing concerns that without additional funding, the program could face an abrupt pause or cancellation.¹

The \$40,000 interest-free loan program has been instrumental in enabling Canadians to undertake energy-efficient home retrofits. A lack of additional funds could significantly disrupt Canadians, the people and businesses that provide energy efficiency services, and other energy efficiency programs that have been re-designed to complement the loan.

We have experienced this before when the Greener Homes Grant program was abruptly cancelled.² At the time, your government heralded the loan program as the primary policy to ensure middle-class Canadians can benefit from energy efficiency.

As the Minister responsible for the loan program, we urge you to take immediate action to ensure continued funding. Avoiding an unnecessary pause or cancellation will provide much-needed stability for homeowners and businesses while supporting

¹ The program has a small fiscal cost to manage the interest-free loans, which are repaid over time.

² See "[Abrupt end to Canada's green retrofits program leaves industry in chaos](#)" Corporate Knights & "[BC homeowner 'blindsided' by early shutdown of Canada Greener Homes Grant](#)" Global News.

affordability and maintaining momentum toward Canada's climate goals.

Cher Ministre Erskine-Smith,

Nous vous écrivons en tant qu'organisations et entreprises du secteur de l'efficacité énergétique au Canada pour souligner de toute urgence les risques auxquels est confronté le programme de prêts sans intérêt de 40 000 \$ dans le cadre de l'initiative Maisons plus vertes. Alors que l'Énoncé économique de l'automne 2024 prévoyait un supplément de 600 millions de dollars pour prolonger le programme, la prorogation du Parlement a perturbé son adoption, mettant en péril l'avenir de ce programme essentiel. Alors que le nombre de prêts approuvés approche déjà les 100 000, on craint de plus en plus qu'en l'absence de financement supplémentaire, le programme soit brusquement interrompu ou annulé.³

Le programme de prêts sans intérêt de 40 000 \$ a permis aux Canadiens d'entreprendre des travaux de rénovation énergétique de leur logement. Un manque de fonds supplémentaires pourrait perturber considérablement les Canadiens, les personnes et les entreprises qui fournissent des services d'efficacité énergétique, ainsi que d'autres programmes d'efficacité énergétique qui ont été repensés pour compléter le prêt.

Nous en avons déjà fait l'expérience lorsque le programme de subvention pour des maisons plus vertes a été brusquement annulé.⁴ À l'époque, votre gouvernement avait présenté le programme de prêts comme la principale politique visant à garantir que les Canadiens de la classe moyenne puissent bénéficier de l'efficacité énergétique.

En tant que ministre responsable du programme de prêts, nous vous demandons instamment de prendre des mesures immédiates pour garantir la poursuite du financement. En évitant une pause ou une annulation inutile, vous offrirez aux propriétaires et aux entreprises la stabilité dont ils ont tant besoin, tout en soutenant l'accessibilité financière et en maintenant l'élan vers les objectifs climatiques du Canada.

³ Le programme a un faible coût fiscal pour gérer les prêts sans intérêt, qui sont remboursés au fil du temps.

⁴ Voir "[Abrupt end to Canada's green retrofits program leaves industry in chaos](#)" Corporate Knights, et "[BC homeowner 'blindsided' by early shutdown of Canada Greener Homes Grant](#)" Global News.

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