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Dear Members:

Thank you for your letter of November 5, 2013, advising of the All Party Climate Caucus' interest in being included in the Canadian delegation for the 19th Conference of the Parties (COP19) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Warsaw, Poland.

Canada's main objective at this conference is to contribute to advancing negotiations toward a post-2020 climate change agreement, which would include commitments from all major emitters. COP19 will play an important role in laying the groundwork and setting parties on the right path to conclude a meaningful agreement in 2015.

The composition of the Canadian delegation this year, as was the case in recent years, has been limited to government representatives. I would note, however, that the UNFCCC encourages participation by non-parties, including parliamentarians, through other channels, which I invite you to explore. For example, non-governmental organizations such as the Climate Parliament (www.climateparl.net) and the Global Legislators Organisation for a Balanced Environment (www.globeinternational.org) have observer status at the UNFCCC and can accredit parliamentarians interested in participating independently in COP19.

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We are pleased with the level of interest expressed by Canadian stakeholders in the negotiations. The Government of Canada will continue to provide briefings before, during and after COP19. On the ground, where appropriate and when possible, members of the Canadian delegation will meet with Canadian stakeholders to share information and perspectives on the progress of the negotiations.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, P.C., M.P.
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