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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
House of Commons
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Dear Prime Minister,

I write to alert your Government to potential situations with respect to programs that are designed to retrain skilled energy workers for jobs in the renewable energy sector. In both the provincial and federal jurisdictions, government funds have been granted to private contractors to operate training schemes that purport to train tradespeople for jobs in renewable energy.

The members of my Union, the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, would require little or no extra training to work in renewable energy. With few exceptions, our skills are immediately transferable to this industry. I can assure you that the same is true of every other craft that qualifies its members through an apprenticeship program.

What further training is needed for these jobs could be readily provided for through the state of the art training facilities and programs that our Union and others operate in all areas of the country.

Funds that go to private operators to reinvent the wheel in renewable energy training are at best mostly redundant, and at worst, a waste of taxpayer dollars,

The Building Trades Unions are, and have been, ready to work with the renewable energy industry and governments to help us meet Canada's commitments to reduce greenhouse gasses. The members of our Union, like almost all Canadians, are willing and motivated to do their part to mitigate climate change.

I hope this letter will serve to stimulate and inform a dialogue around these training programs. We would be happy to meet with you or your staff to discuss this situation in more detail. If there is any further information I can provide, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



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I look forward to hearing from you, I remain.

Sincerely yours,



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