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Ms. Christy Cunningham, P.Geo.  
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Dear Ms. Cunningham:

The Prime Minister's Office has forwarded to me a copy of your correspondence of December 17, 2020, in which you convey your support for small modular reactors (SMRs) in New Brunswick.

Thank you for your support of Canada's nuclear industry, specifically the advanced SMR initiative in New Brunswick. We believe that Canada has what it takes to be a world leader in the emerging global SMR market estimated to exceed \$150–300 billion per year by 2040. For this reason, we worked to develop Canada's SMR Roadmap in 2018, and the Government of Canada has now also launched the [SMR Action Plan](#), which responds to all 53 recommendations identified in Canada's SMR Roadmap. It seeks to advance the development, demonstration, and deployment of SMRs through a clearly identified pan-Canadian blueprint of 450 actions developed collectively by more than 100 organizations, including governments, Indigenous Peoples, utilities, industry, innovators, academia, and civil society.

I invite you and any interested member firms to join over 100 partners in endorsing and contributing to Canada's SMR Action Plan.

New Brunswick, as you mentioned, is an important player in Canada's nuclear industry. In the pan-Canadian approach for SMRs in Canada, New Brunswick is leading the development of several SMR projects. These designs have the potential to recycle fuel and reduce nuclear waste. New Brunswick has committed to working with ARC Nuclear Canada Incorporated and Moltex Energy on these advanced reactor designs. There is interest to create a New Brunswick-based advanced SMR cluster, which would create tremendous economic opportunities in the province. We received over half a dozen contributions to the SMR Action Plan from New Brunswick, including the Government of New Brunswick and NB Power, as well as non-profit organizations and industry.

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If you have any questions or are interested in joining the Action Plan, please reach out to the Nuclear Energy Division of Natural Resources Canada by email at [nrcan.nuclearenergy-energienucleaire.rncan@canada.ca](mailto:nrcan.nuclearenergy-energienucleaire.rncan@canada.ca).

Thank you for your interest in this important opportunity for Canada. I trust that you will remain safe and healthy.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Seamus O'Regan Jr.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

The Honourable Seamus O'Regan Jr., P.C., M.P.