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The Honourable Tim Hodgson, P.C., M.P.
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Subject: Manitoba's Support for Expansion of Canadian Exploration Expense (CEE) Eligibility

Dear Minister Hodgson,

I am writing on behalf of the Government of Manitoba in support of the Association for Mineral Exploration's (AME) recommendation that the Government of Canada expand Canadian Exploration Expense (CEE) eligibility to include key project-advancement activities, including engineering, technical, economic, and feasibility studies, that address a persistent financing gap in Canada's mining industry.

Canada has identified critical minerals as a strategic economic priority and a cornerstone of national economic security. Manitoba is contributing to this national effort with a growing pipeline of promising critical mineral projects that are advancing toward development, supported by increasing investment in the technical, engineering, environmental, and feasibility work needed to turn discoveries into operating mines. Strengthening support for this stage of project advancement will help Manitoba bring new critical mineral supply into production and further bolster Canada's economic and supply-chain resilience.

Manitoba is home to significant critical mineral, base metal, and precious metal resources essential to Canada's clean energy transition and broader economic objectives. We recognize the important role mineral exploration and mine development play in driving economic growth, job creation, Indigenous economic participation, and supply chain resilience.

Manitoba has implemented a suite of targeted tax incentives to strengthen mineral exploration and development, support project advancement, and enhance competitiveness. These include the Manitoba Mineral Exploration Tax Credit (MMETC), the Manitoba Mineral Development Fund (MMDF), the Off-site Exploration Allowance, the Fuel Tax Exemption for mineral exploration and off-highway mining activities for the transportation of ore from a Manitoba mine to a Manitoba processing centre, the New Mine Tax Holiday, the Tax Holiday for Major Expansions, the Processing Allowance Tax Credit, as well as a Progressive Mining Tax Rate designed to encourage investment.

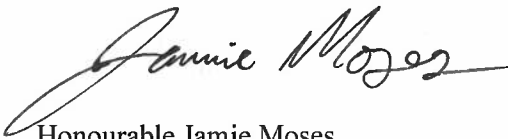
Together, these measures demonstrate Manitoba's commitment to fostering a strong, competitive, and sustainable mining sector that spans early mineral exploration to mine development and underscores the importance of complementary federal tools such as expanded CEE eligibility.

Canada's current tax framework provides meaningful support for early-stage exploration and for the construction and operational phases of mine development; however, it offers comparatively limited tools for the critical development stage in between. This is the period when proponents must complete technical assessments, engineering studies, environmental baseline work, and feasibility analyses required to determine whether a discovery can advance to a producing mine by demonstrating to investors the viability of the project. Expanding CEE eligibility would directly address this gap by enabling investment in the essential project-advancement activities that move promising mineral discoveries toward construction and production as proposed by the AME.

Expanding support for development-stage activities would strengthen investor confidence, accelerate project advancement, and improve Canada's ability to convert mineral resources into operating mines that contribute to domestic supply chains and economic growth. Industry associations and companies across the sector view the AME's proposal as a targeted measure to enhance Canada's mineral competitiveness.

Manitoba appreciates Canada's ongoing commitment to advancing the mining sector and encourages the Government of Canada to consider the AME's recommendations in upcoming budget and policy discussions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jamie Moses". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jamie" and last name "Moses" clearly distinguishable.

Honourable Jamie Moses
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