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To all Liberal and NDP leadership candidates,

British Columbia is at an important juncture as both of your parties select new leaders.

The past three years have seen the province make significant strides to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and build a lower-carbon economy. As business leaders, we've welcomed those initial efforts and now look to the future leaders of all parties to continue charting that course.

If the leadership races result in lost momentum for action on climate change, it would exacerbate what are already challenging times for business in B.C. by creating investment uncertainty and undermining confidence in B.C.'s economy.

In contrast, continuing to move forward in an orderly and predictable manner will allow the province to reduce emissions, encourage other jurisdictions to take similar actions, and capitalize on an immense economic opportunity.

As potential leaders of your parties and the province, we encourage you to continue guiding the province toward those opportunities with efficient and effective climate change policy. We also encourage you to make and enable the investments needed to maintain the competitiveness of B.C.'s economy, and continue efforts to forge partnerships that broaden the scope of action and opportunity.

Thank you for considering our input at this pivotal point in B.C.'s history.

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