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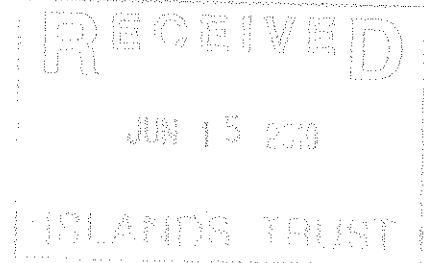


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June 3, 2010

Ms. Sheila Malcolmson
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Dear Ms. Malcolmson:

RE: ECOENERGY RETROFIT PROGRAM

Thank you for writing on behalf of the Islands Trust Council regarding the ecoENERGY Retrofit – Homes Program. I apologize for the delay in responding.

The ecoENERGY Retrofit - Homes Program was launched in 2007. We expanded the program's budget under the 2009 Economic Action Plan, to a total of \$745 million.

You are correct in noting that, based on existing funding levels, the ecoENERGY Retrofit – Homes Program is required to end the pre-retrofit phase on March 31, 2010, in order to manage the intake of applicants.

In the Speech from the Throne, the Government of Canada reiterated its commitment to investing in the clean energy technologies of the future, making Canada a world leader in the green economy of tomorrow. We also committed to reviewing our energy-efficiency and emissions-reductions programs to ensure they continue to be an effective and efficient use of tax dollars. This demonstrates prudent management.

While we are reviewing the ecoENERGY – Homes Program, eligible Canadians will continue to undertake renovations and benefit from a grant. We will continue to approve grant applications from the more than 300,000 eligible homeowners right up to March 31, 2011. This is in addition to the nearly 300,000 that have already been processed.

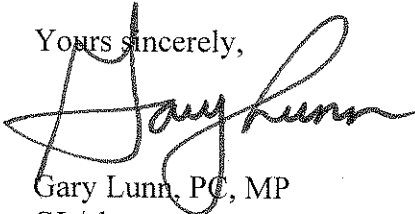
I should also note that Natural Resources Canada alone has taken numerous other steps to promote energy efficiency, including:

- Providing infrastructure for home energy assessments and labeling, and for using the EnerGuide rating system as an energy rating tool.
- Support for new housing brands, including R2000 and ENERGY STAR, and their associated building training, rating and assessment tools.
- Support for efficient new building standards with the release next year of a more stringent model energy code for buildings and ongoing work to include energy efficiency for houses in the National Building Code.

- The implementation of 11 new and enhanced minimum energy performance standards to date and the finalization of 20 more by the end of March 2011.
- Ongoing amendments to the Energy Efficiency Regulations, including setting new performance requirements for products such as light bulbs.
- Investing more than \$10 billion to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and build a more sustainable environment through green infrastructure, energy efficiency, clean energy technologies and the production of cleaner energy and cleaner fuels.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Lunn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gary" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Lunn".

Gary Lunn, PC, MP
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