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Ms. Linda Heron
Chair
Ontario Rivers Alliance
379 Ronka Road
Worthington, Ontario P0M 3H0

Dear Ms. Heron:

Thank you for your letter of May 5, 2017, about the financial support available to eligible intervenors in the National Energy Board (NEB) review of the Energy East Project. I appreciate the time you took to share your views.

The Government of Canada recognizes the importance of appropriate funding for public participation in NEB review processes. The Parliament approved \$10 million in funding to the NEB for its Participant Funding Program for the project review. This is the largest amount ever allocated to an NEB project review, reflecting the scope and complexity of the review and public interest in the project.

The NEB is allocating the \$10 million independently from the Government and under the terms and conditions of its Participant Funding Program. I understand the NEB has \$3.8 million of funding that remains to be allocated to the public. Should you have additional questions regarding the NEB's Participant Funding Program, I encourage you to contact a NEB Participant Funding Coordinator by dialing 1-800-899-1265 or sending an email at PFPP.PAFP@neb-one.gc.ca.

Our government's decision on the project will be guided by the interim approach that we established in January 2016. Our approach includes undertaking deeper and more meaningful consultations with Indigenous Peoples; ensuring the views of the public and affected communities are sought and carefully considered; assessing upstream and direct greenhouse gases linked to the project; and basing our decisions on science and evidence. Our decision will also be informed by the NEB's regulatory review and environmental assessment of the project.

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Again, thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Carr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

The Honourable Jim Carr, P.C., M.P.

c.c.: Mr. David Hamilton
Acting Chair for the Energy East Pipeline Review
National Energy Board