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Ms. Linda Heron
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Dear Ms. Heron:

Thank you for your correspondence of August 28, 2017, in which you provide the views of the Ontario River Alliance on the discussion paper on the review of environmental and regulatory processes. I am also replying to you on behalf of the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, the Honourable Jim Carr, Minister of Natural Resources, and the Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport. We appreciate the time you took to share your views.

In June 2016, the Government of Canada launched a comprehensive review of federal environmental and regulatory processes, including a review of federal environmental assessment processes, modernizing the National Energy Board and restoring lost protections and incorporating modern safeguards under the *Fisheries Act* and the *Navigation Protection Act*. The discussion paper drew from extensive public consultations, Expert Panel reports and parliamentary studies conducted over the past 12 months and outlined potential reforms being considered to rebuild trust and modernize Canada's environmental and regulatory processes.

Ministers are currently reviewing the feedback gathered from Canadians, including the public, Indigenous Peoples and stakeholders. This feedback will be used to help inform the development of options for potential legislative, regulatory and policy changes.

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We are committed to this review and will continue to work with Indigenous Peoples and stakeholders to strengthen our environmental and regulatory processes.

Thank you for taking the time to provide comments.

Sincerely,

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The Honourable Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P.

c.c.: The Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, P.C., M.P.
The Honourable Jim Carr, P.C., M.P.
The Honourable Marc Garneau, P.C., M.P.