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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM), which represents Manitoba's 137 municipalities, I am writing to provide some comments regarding Bill 16: *The Climate and Green Plan Implementation Act*.

As municipalities are front line stewards of the environment, the AMM urges the Province of Manitoba to partner with local communities to invest carbon pricing revenues in municipal climate-resilient infrastructure, particularly water management, flood mitigation and drought adaptation infrastructure as well as public transit. With this in mind, the AMM commissioned Probe Research to conduct a poll asking Manitobans how much, if any, of the revenue from a carbon tax should be earmarked for municipalities. Out of the 1,000 people surveyed, more than two-thirds – 67 per cent – indicated that municipalities should receive between one-half and all of the revenue from a carbon tax.

In addition, the AMM welcomes the exemption extension to municipalities for select marked fuels as this affects municipal public works and emergency vehicles. Based on preliminary data gathered by our office, costs incurred by individual municipalities for select marked fuels may represent up to 80 per cent of total fuel costs on an annual basis. However, the AMM believes the exemption should apply to all municipal vehicles, including public transit unless carbon tax revenues are reinvested in zero-emission fleet vehicles and transit buses. Otherwise, the carbon pricing scheme will have significant and negative financial implications on municipal budgets. Thus, increased provincial investments in public transit in the City of Winnipeg and other Manitoba municipalities are vitally important, particularly for supporting the goal of transitioning to a lower carbon economy and building more sustainable communities.

Moving forward, the AMM encourages the Province of Manitoba to closely consult with our organization and municipalities. Municipal representation on the Expert Advisory Council and other municipally-relevant committees is vital as municipalities are on-the-ground experts that





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best understand community needs, public sentiment and potential barriers to the development and implementation of regulations. Moreover, a municipal lens should be applied to all aspects of the Made-in-Manitoba Climate and Green Plan to better assess and address any implications for municipal decision-making and planning processes.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these brief comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Masi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joe Masi
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