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The Honourable David Eby
Premier of British Columbia

Dear Premier Eby:

I am writing to you today regarding the need to remove British Columbia's electric vehicle (EV) mandate given the negative impact it is having on Canadian workers, making our country less competitive at a time of significant economic uncertainty.

As workers, families and businesses across Canada face down the impact of U.S. tariffs, I know we are united in our efforts to do everything we can to protect Canadian workers and their jobs. I want to assure you that you can count on Ontario's support when it comes to standing up to tariffs on key British Columbia industries, such as your province's forestry, steel and metal manufacturing sectors.

At the same time, I hope that Ontario auto workers can count on your support, as part of a united Team Canada, at a time when their jobs and paycheques are under direct attack from U.S. tariffs. As you know, Ontario's auto sector is an economic driver for our country, employing nearly 100,000 people and contributing \$13.3 billion to our economy every single year. As we fight to keep workers on the job, we need to do everything we can to ensure our auto sector is as competitive as possible.

Unfortunately, existing EV sales mandates in Canada are making our auto sector less competitive and threatening the livelihoods of tens of thousands of Canadian workers, particularly since the U.S. has rolled back its federal EV policies. Given this context, keeping EV sales mandates in only certain Canadian jurisdictions, currently only British Columbia and Québec, creates a fragmented, uncompetitive market that risks pushing investment, jobs and production out of Canada and into the U.S.

While I was pleased to see the federal government remove its EV mandate, I will continue to push for the removal of the remaining federal regulations that continue to undermine our auto sector.

For that same reason, I am writing to urge you to repeal British Columbia's EV sales mandate, which will directly limit the number of Canadian-made internal combustion engine vehicles that can be sold in your province.

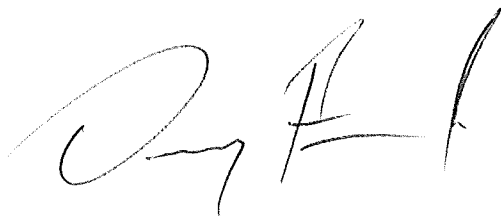
I recognize your government called for one harmonized EV sales target for the country before the federal government's changes. In that same spirit, I am now urging you to align British Columbia's approach with that of the federal government's new direction by repealing your province's EV sales mandates altogether.

Make no mistake: Ontario remains committed to supporting EVs, including the \$46 billion in EV battery manufacturing investments that we have welcomed to our province. That's why we are unlocking our critical minerals, supporting our steel sector and standing by our support for EV investments, as part of our plan to build a secure, domestic, end-to-end EV vehicle supply chain.

However, at a time when our auto workers are facing growing uncertainty from U.S. trade actions, we need to stand shoulder-to-shoulder as Canadians to protect the sector and its workers. Aligning our policies sends a clear message that Canada is united in supporting our workers, strengthening our manufacturing sectors and keeping auto jobs in Canada.

I look forward to continuing to work with you on these important issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Doug Ford', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario